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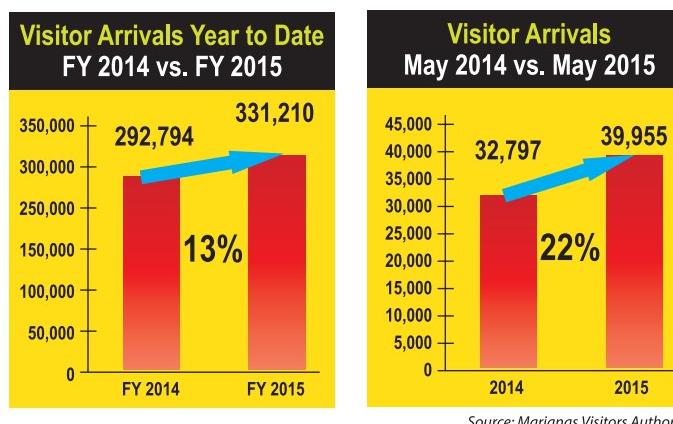
Visitor arrivals soar 22 pct. in May

Visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands in May were up 22 percent compared to the same period last year.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota registered 39,955 visitors in May 2015, compared to 32,797 visitors received in May 2014.

Arrivals from Korea catapulted 79 percent in May to 16,237 visitors. Jeju Air launched an additional daily flight to Saipan from Incheon beginning March 29 using a Boeing 737-800 with

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Humpback whales sightings suggest breeding ground in Marianas

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REPORTER

At least 12 humpback whales, including mother and calf pairs, were spotted during lookout and vessel surveys in February and March this year, suggesting humpback whales are breeding in the Marianas, according to a whale researcher.

Dr. Erin Oleson, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientist, spoke at the American Memorial Park on Monday night about their recent efforts to spot and sample tissue of humpback whales off Saipan.

Compared to other landmark research done on whales in the Northern Pacific or elsewhere in the world, the Western Pacific,

where the Marianas lies, is "isolated" in terms of research done.

There has been "speculation that there is a whole breeding area missed," Oleson told the audience gathered on Monday.

In February to March this year, NOAA researchers set up a rooftop lookout at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, and according to Oleson, 12 whales were

spotted, including four mother whales with their calves.

She said four biopsy samples were taken through the vessel surveys, which used a modified crossbow that "bounced back" off the whales with a layer of skin and fatty tissue.

From these surveys, she said, they can say "at least" 12 hump-

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Gay couples in Guam start applying for marriage licenses



By GRACE GARCES
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HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—The lesbian couple who sued to overturn a gay-marriage

Loretta M. Pangelinan, left, and her partner Kathleen M. Aguero pose for a photo with their marriage license at the Department of Public Health and Social Services in Mangilao, Guam on Tuesday, June 9, 2015. The couple sued to overturn a gay marriage ban and were put to the front of the line Tuesday when Guam became the first U.S. territory to recognize gay marriage.

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ban were put to the front of the line Tuesday when Guam became the first U.S. territory to recognize gay marriage.

Loretta M. Pangelinan, 28, and Kathleen M. Aguero, 29, drew the No. 4 slot as couples were assigned numbers when the Office of Vital Statistics at 8am Tuesday. But out of respect, they were allowed to be the first gay couple to get their marriage license.

They plan a big wedding with friends and family on July 4. But they still had another role to play at the official territorial office after applying

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NMI-PHILIPPINES FRIENDSHIP MONTH

Government officials, members of the Filipino community, and other dignitaries pose with Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, and Philippine honorary consul Glicerio Arago after a proclamation ceremony yesterday that designates June as "NMI-Philippines Friendship Month." The occasion is a prelude to the celebration of Philippine Independence Day on June 12.

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CNMI income, expenditure survey now in the works

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The Department of Commerce is preparing to conduct a "Household Income and Expenditure Survey" in the Commonwealth and is now studying a plan of action for it.

Commerce Secretary Mark O. Rabauliman said the department's Central Statistics Division and contractors are preparing the plan of action but no date or timeline has been set yet.

The department will use \$307,672 from the Office of Insular Affairs to conduct the survey. The funding was secured in April.

In the grant funding, Commerce is being asked "to ob-

tain, compile, and disseminate data on household income and expenditures in the Northern Mariana Islands and to provide cost-effective economic indicators, data, and performance measures related to economic development and self-sufficiency needs."

The survey is also expected to provide information about the current labor force to include data on U.S.-qualified versus foreign workers, characteristics of wage earners, including those earning minimum wages, and impacts of migrants under the Compacts of Free Association.

Rabauliman said the Governor's Office and other CNMI government departments have been stressing the need for such

data. "We hope to capture an overall picture from this set of data that the government badly needs," he said.

On Monday, Department of Labor Secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero said the survey by Commerce will help the government address issues on manpower requirements by the CNMI in light of the end of the foreign worker program in 2019.

Deleon Guerrero said that more than 10,000 individuals in the CNMI are not looking for work and are dependent on welfare programs such as food stamps.

This huge chunk of the population would greatly help the CNMI's expected labor short-

fall in 2019 when it comes to local manpower pool.

An expenditure survey would hopefully help the government get a clearer picture of basic and up-to-date economic data, considering that the last survey was

conducted in 2005.

"Yes, I also saw the shortfall in manpower that the Labor secretary mentioned, and I share the same concerns. I would support any strategy to address this concern," Rabauliman said.

OIA Assistant Secretary Esther Kia'aina, in an earlier

statement, said the "these initial projects will provide timely and critical information, analyses, and data for CNMI decision-makers."

Last completed in 2005, the HIES project is long overdue, given that the Commonwealth's

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Public library to offer ukelele classes for summer

Ukulele classes will be offered at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe this summer.

In collaboration with Larry Lee, the state library will be offering summer ukulele classes for beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels.

Minimum age requirement is 8 but adults are also welcome to join.

The program will be eight weeks long and classes will be an hour each.

Classes for beginners will start on June 23 and will be taught every Tuesday from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

Intermediate and advanced classes will be taught every Thursday beginning June 25 from

4pm to 5pm.

Prospective students must provide their own instrument and a folder to hold music sheets. Parents or guardians must sign a liability waiver form on behalf of their participating minor children. Those who wish to join must adhere to public library policies and procedures.

The classes are worth \$50 and pre-payment is required. Deadline to register is on next Saturday, June 19.

For more information, visit Joeten-Kiyu Public Library or call 235-7316 or 235-7322-23, or Fax 235-7550. (**Frauleine S. Villanueva**)



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CHCC acting CFO was shocked to see false documents

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. acting chief financial officer Corazon Pablo Ada testified yesterday that she was shocked upon seeing in 2008 some false or fabricated documents prepared by her brother-in-law, Melvin Ada.

Corazon Ada said that based on the documents the Department of Finance provided at her request, CHC overpaid the vendor by \$400,000.

Corazon Ada was among the U.S. government's witnesses yesterday in the ongoing jury trial in federal court of Leyda I. Ada, who is accused of conspiring with her husband, Melvin, to perpetrate a health care fraud exceeding \$1.7 million.

Leyda Ada is on trial for conspiracy to commit money laundering, money laundering, and perjury. Melvin Ada has already pleaded guilty.

Pauline Kapileo of Tax and Revenue is expected to continue her testimony when trial resumes today, Wednesday, at 9am in the U.S. District Court for the NMI. She testified yesterday for the U.S. government regarding the filing of tax returns by Melvin and Leyda Ada.

Clarice Mendoza, a former employee of First Hawaiian Bank, completed her testimony yesterday.

During cross-examination by defense counsel Mark Hanson, Mendoza reiterated her earlier testimony that she does not remember telling an FBI agent in an email that there's a possibility that Leyda Ada was not present when she opened a business savings account with FHB on Oct. 1, 2004.

Shown by Hanson a copy of an email to the FBI agent, Mendoza confirmed that it was her email dated Dec. 3, 2013.

During questioning by assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe, Mendoza clarified that what she was referring to in her email was the blank signature card.

After Mendoza was excused, the prosecution called Corazon Ada, who testified, among other things, how she discovered the false documents that Melvin Ada had submitted to Finance.

Corazon Ada also explained CHC's hemodialysis' supplies' contract with Midwest Medical Supply, or MMS.

Melvin Ada was employed as an account manager with Midwest Medical Supply until 2009. CHCC regularly purchased medical supplies and equipment from MMS.

Corazon Ada said Melvin Ada was already a purchaser at the accounting department when she joined CHCC in 2006.

She recalled that one afternoon in 2008, she received a call that CHC was put on credit hold. She said Melvin Ada came and gave her a bundle of invoices; she noticed that some were photocopied. Corazon Ada said she told Melvin Ada that she needs to reconcile because the documents showed that the vendor had already been paid.

She requested documents from Finance, which subsequently provided her with invoices about one and a half inches thick. She later learned that Melvin Ada took the documents from her desk and when she asked him about it, he stated that he accidentally took and threw them.

Corazon Ada said she confronted Melvin Ada how he could throw about two inches of documents without looking at it and it's even intended for her.

"He was quiet. He remained silent," she said.

Corazon Ada then requested Finance for a second time to provide her the documents. When she finally received the documents, she was shocked because she noticed that some were false.

Corazon Ada said she informed her boss at that time about the \$400,000 overpayment to MMS. She said her boss then had to disclose the overpayment to Medicare. As a consequence, the acting CFO noted, Medicare disallowed \$500,000 in reimbursement for the 2011 report.

Corazon Ada agreed with Hanson that Melvin Ada was

basically involved in the transactions from beginning to the end or until the release of checks. Corazon Ada agreed with Hanson that Melvin Ada helped turn over documents to Finance and that he switched vouchers.

She said she submitted a report but left the disciplinary portion with their Human Resources. She said she does not recall whether Melvin Ada and two other CHC staff were suspended as a result of the investigation.

Corazon Ada said HR wanted due process for Melvin Ada but he never showed up and eventually stopped reporting to work.

The prosecution alleged that between 2004 and 2011, Melvin Ada deposited 53 CNMI Treasury checks made out to "MMS—Medical Supply Co. CNMI" or "Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc." into Leyda Ada's FHB business savings account, approximately in the amount of \$1.7 million.

After Corazon Ada's testimony, the prosecution called Bank of Guam's vice president and regional manager for the CNMI, Marcia Tomokane, then Bank Pacific branch manager Fred Camacho, and finally Pauline Kapileo of Tax and Revenue.

Tomokane and Camacho testified about the documents showing Melvin's and Leyda Ada's deposits and withdrawals at BOG and Bank Pacific.

The prosecution alleged that after Melvin Ada stopped reporting to work at CHC on July 5, 2011, he and Leyda Ada conducted a series of financial

transactions to conceal the proceeds derived from health care fraud and embezzlement.

The prosecution alleged that between July 5, 2011 and Aug. 11, 2011, the Ada couple closed out six bank accounts at FHB, BOG, and Bank Pacific, but not before withdrawing and spending at least \$75,000.

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On Friday, June 5, 2015, Mrs. Cabrera stopped by at the New Top Store in Dandan to buy cigarettes and betelnut supplies for her husband, who is at work. As she was walking around the store, trying to figure out what else she might need before leaving, she saw a ticket dispenser filled with Instant Scratchies Tickets and 'papa sang' keeps insisting that she try her luck - it was their first day to sell the tickets. Mrs. Cabrera purchased two dollar worth of Instant Scratchies. To her dismay, the first ticket did not win anything, but the second ticket conceals the winning \$1000! Mrs. Cabrera said, "It's my first time to win this much, I was shocked!"

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Claassens says he injected meds on woman with mental illness

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Rota Health Center's Dr. Francois Claassens says a woman who was diagnosed to have a mental illness was handcuffed when she was in the emergency room of the Rota Health Center and that he injected her with the medication.

Claassens, through the Office of the Attorney General, however denied that the administration and injection of medication was unnecessary or excessive.

In his answer and defenses to the lawsuit filed by Kaye

Christian, Claassens, through assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan, said he administered a third shot to Christian after which she fell asleep.

The doctor said he administered Haldol to Christian. Haldol is an antipsychotic agent.

Christian alleged that Claassens chemically restrained her by administering and injecting her with unnecessary and excessive medications, including but not limited to Haldol, Prazepam, and Benedryl—all without her consent.

Claassens said he administered and injected Christian

with necessary medication.

Christian, through counsels Jeanne H. Rayphand and Matthew Holley, is suing Claassens, the CNMI government, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and Rota police officer Eusebio Manglona.

Christian is alleging violation of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution—unreasonable seizure, deprivation of liberty without due process of law; breach of settlement agreement (use of handcuffs at the Rota Health Center; breach of settlement agree-

ment (failure to train); violation of the CNMI Constitution

(unreasonable seizure); Involuntary Civil Commitment Act; Patient's Rights Act—chemical restraint, right to ready access to telephone, right to receive copy of rights, and right to keep and use personal possession.

Christian is demanding payment of \$1.2 million in damages and seeking a court order directing the CNMI and CHCC to provide ongoing education and training for all employees to educate them on the Involuntary Commitment Act and the Patient's Rights Act, among others.

In his defenses, AAG Sablan said Claassens is entitled

to qualified immunity from the lawsuit.

Sablan said the doctor exercised the appropriate degree of skill and knowledge while treating Christian and in a manner consistent with her best interests.

Sablan said the medical care and treatment rendered to Christian by the doctor were the appropriate care and treatment for Christian's psychiatric condition.

Sablan asserted that Claassens reasonably believed that Christian posed a serious threat of substantial harm to herself and others.

Sablan said Christian was known to Claassens to have threatened hospital staff and to have slapped one staff member, and was showing escalating signs of aggression made worse by her use of alcohol.

Further, Sablan said, when Christian arrived in the emer-

gency room of the Rota Health Center, she was violent and aggressive.

Sablan said Claassens denies that any error was made in the care and treatment of Christian at the Rota Health Center.

However, Sablan added, if the court should conclude otherwise, any such error was the product of a mistake based on the exercise of reasonable judgment.

Christian alleged that she was forcibly removed from her house on Rota by a police officer and several other persons and was allegedly handcuffed to a stretcher and brought to the Rota Health Clinic.

At the clinic, she was injected with medicines. On Jan. 1, 2014, Christian was brought to Saipan where she was allegedly involuntarily committed to the psychiatric ward at CHC. She was released from the ward two days later.

Lawmakers pass bill for natural resources regulation for Rota

Members of the Rota Legislative Delegation unanimously passed Senate local bills 19-61 and 19-06 aiming to introduce regulations for Rota's natural resources.

Both bills were passed on first and final reading.

SLB 19-61 seeks to establish fishing licenses for Rota, particularly fishing for commercial purposes.

According to Sen. Steve Mesngon (R-Rota), who introduced the bill, there is now a

huge number of fishermen on Rota, which prompted him to file the bill.

He said this necessitate licensing regulations, not just to protect Rota marine resources but also to generate income.

Mesngon clarified that by "commercial fishing," the bill details certain quantities of fish catch that will be regulated. He said the Department of Lands and Natural Resources is being eyed as the authority for the licensing.

Mesngon is also the author

of SLB 19-06, which seeks to regulate the harvesting of trees, plants, fruits, nuts, and other natural resources on public land on Rota.

He said there have been rampant cases of individuals illegally harvesting these resources and selling them in the local market.

The Rota lawmakers also adopted House Local Bill 19-13, which among other things, allocates funds for the Rota Casino Commission.

The amount was not specified, but will be sourced from a local budget allocation of \$20,000, as proposed in HLB 19-13.

According to Senate President Victor B. Hocog (Ind-Rota), the funding will assist the Rota gaming commission now that business activity is picking up on Rota.

He did not give specifics but said several investors have expressed interest in Rota's gaming industry. (*Joel Pinaroc*)

until I get it in my hand," Johnson said after a marriage ceremony that lasted less than a minute in Public Health Director James Gillan's office. They kissed after becoming the first gay couple to marry in Guam.

At least three same-sex couples were in line for marriage licenses during the office's first few hours of business, and two other couple picked up applications, said Bill Pesch, one of the lawyers representing Pangelinan and Aguero.

"It's been a long time coming, and we really couldn't be happier," he said.

Gay marriage in Guam became possible after U.S. District Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood on Friday struck down Guam's prohibition on same-sex marriage. The developments in Guam also come as the U.S. Supreme Court prepares to issue a decision on

That same month, Guam Attorney General Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson directed officials to begin processing same-sex marriage applications, but territorial officials, backed by Gov. Eddie Calvo, refused. The governor sued, and he was represented by an outside firm because the attorney general didn't agree with the governor's lawsuit.

Although the ban was

struck down Friday, Tydingco-Gatewood gave the territory a couple of days to prepare the marriage applications.

Lillian Lee, 57, and her partner, Susan Diaz, 65, were also in line to get their marriage license application. Lee thanks Pangelinan and Aguero for making "gay marriage possible."

"I'm happy to be married on Guam," she added.

Currently, gay couples can marry in 36 states, the District of Columbia and Guam.

About 160,000 people live on Guam, an island about 3,800 miles west of Hawaii. Its residents are U.S. citizens, but they don't have the right to cast ballots for the country's president.

The territory elects a delegate to the U.S. House, but the delegate is not allowed to vote on legislation. Guam has no representation in the U.S. Senate.

one mile off shore, revealed generally more sightings.

With the newly collected data, NOAA researchers can now compare genetic samples to ones already collected in southern islands like Guam and Saipan. Their initial cruise results reveal 42 sightings. Over 10,000 photographs were taken. Forty-five biopsy samples were taken from spinner dolphins, melon-headed whales, false killer whales, sperm whales, and other cetaceans.

Cetaceans were also tagged and tracked to show them distributed quite broadly in the Marianas. As of Monday, they were still tracking these cetaceans. Results of genetic sample tests are not yet available.

De Medinilla, they now have done surveys of the southern islands like Guam and Saipan and the Northern Islands.

"The goals were to understand distribution [of whales] throughout the archipelago," she said. "And also to collect tissue samples and photos for comparison to other information we already have."

NOAA researchers used standard and non-standard methods, meaning they did broader scale surveys up the island chain and smaller, more-focused surveys near the shore of islands.

"In our systematic effort, we had relatively few sightings, about 10 [cetaceans]," she said, while the non-standard efforts, which took place near or about

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for their license.

The couple who drew No. 1 were Deasia Johnson of Killeen, Texas, and her fiance', Nikki Dismuke, 37, of New Orleans, and they asked Pangelinan and Aguero to be witnesses for their ceremony, which was held immediately.

"How can you not be emotional?" said Pangelinan, who began to cry when she heard the request.

Johnson and Dismuke said they have been together three years, the same amount of time they have wanted to get married.

They already have had a commitment ceremony, but they didn't get a wedding certificate.

"I'm not walking out here

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back whales are in the area. She also noted that all the search efforts were conducted in just one area, what is called "CK reef."

"They probably are more broadly distributed," Oleson said.

"We had three mom and calf pairs...suggesting that it's likely that humpback whales are actually breeding and giving birth to their calves here or nearby, and not transiting from some more distant breeding ground with their calf."

"That's a fun finding," she added. "We know they are actually using this area as a likely

breeding area, and now we want to know that links to the other breeding areas" in Asia and west and north Pacific.

Cetaceans research continued

In 2014, a survey of cetaceans in waters of the CNMI, including the Islands Unit of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, from the NOAA Ship *Oscar Elton Sette* was delayed due to maintenance issues with the ship.

But according to Oleson, they recently completed—from earlier research in the southern Mariana Islands—surveys continuing up the archipelago chain.

Minus Asuncion and Farallon

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186 seats, bringing an additional 67,890 annual seats to the NMI and ensuring extremely rapid growth in Korean arrivals for the remainder of this year.

Asiana Airlines, on the other hand, temporarily suspended its morning flight OZ623 from May 28 due to a shortage of planes, and during the temporary suspension will be rotating in a jumbo jet Boeing 747 with 359 seats to operate four times a week in an effort to maintain its seat supply from Korea to the maximum extent possible during the temporary suspension.

Arrivals from China also jumped 14 percent in May to 15,198 visitors. The MVA continues to work hand in hand with Century Tours and Tinian Dynasty with a joint NMI booth at World Travel Fair in Shanghai from May 7 to 9. The MVA has also invited various Chinese media including print publications and network TV programs to the NMI in May to promote the unique tourism resources on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, especially highlighting the Taste of the Marianas throughout China.

Arrivals from Japan fell 9

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once-prominent garment industry has folded and customs and immigration has been taken over by the U.S. federal government.

Prevailing wage survey

Rabauliman said his department has completed a prevailing wage survey and is expecting to deliver a courtesy presentation to the Governor's Office early next week.

The official said all the details

of the survey, including data analysis, have all been completed. "If the schedule allows it, the intent is to present the findings early next week," Rabauliman said.

The prevailing wage survey is important to CNMI businesses when hiring workers under the H-1 visa category.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce earlier said that the CNMI developing its own prevailing wage study is important because using the prevailing wage in Guam "is unfair and detrimental to the local economy."

CUC: \$6M-\$10M savings a year if power grid is fixed

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. could realize savings of between \$6 million and \$10 million a year if they brought line losses down to levels comparable to the U.S. mainland—underscoring the need for the CNMI's struggling public utility to invest directly in some of its \$10 million worth of deferred utility repairs and upgrades.

Last Friday, the CUC board voted to withdraw a 2.1-cent

kilowatt hour surcharge pending with the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission. The plan is that this rate, or the “debt relief” surcharge, will be replaced with an “infrastructure improvement” charge, for which an amount or exact name will be finalized in the coming weeks.

Board member Joe Torres, who motioned for this vote, cited CUC’s 20 percent overall line losses—the energy wasted as power is transmitted along the grid.

Yesterday, chief financial officer Matthew Yaqinto confirmed that CUC’s line losses are between 18 to 20 percent, adding that, “normal ranges on the mainland are less than 10 percent and sometimes less than 5 percent.”

He said CUC will probably not be able to get below 5 percent but can get below 10 percent.

“If we get below 10 percent,

say to 8 percent, it would be a savings of between \$6 [million] to \$10 million per year,” he told *Saipan Tribune*.

» Fletcher underscores need for direct investment

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher separately told *Saipan Tribune* that they have identified \$10 million

worth of needed repairs and upgrades to improve distribution efficiency and to cut losses in their power system.

Fletcher pointed out that

CUC actually began with an infrastructure surcharge before it was changed to a debt service surcharge. The previous rate expired at the end of April. Essentially, CUC was aiming to renew a rate already appearing on customer’s bills.

Fletcher said the purpose of the infrastructure charge would be to accomplish electrical distribution and power related projects that have been deferred over time due to their “liquidity crisis,” or their lack of funds to meet even some

short-term obligations.

While system improvements have been identified in past rate cases, Fletcher said that monies have always been diverted to buying fuel or other system priorities to keep the utility running.

“As a result we are sitting on a lot of deferred maintenance,” he said.

“Past analysis has identified \$10 million in needed distribution repairs and upgrades to improve efficiency and cut technical losses. Improvements such as changing out transformers to match current loads, basically right-sizing the system to today’s needs,” he said.

“Also, replacing old dilapidated poles, cross-arms, and other hardware that will provide better system reliability during storms and allow speedier recovery,” he said.

“Cutting technical losses would have a payback, helping to better manage fuel costs,” the director said. “However, it takes direct investment to make this happen and a targeted surcharge would restrict these funds to these certain projects.”

He commended the CUC board for this move, but also added that they also have to make sure the utility can continue to operate by ensuring customers pay their bills.

Right now, CUC is still sitting on over \$30 million in receivables. “While there appears to be no quick and easy solution to this crisis,” the executive director said, CUC “desperately needs receive regular monthly payments from its large government accounts to stay afloat.”

Fletcher was probably referring to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., among others.

June is proclaimed ‘NMI-Philippines Friendship Month’



Glicerio Arago, Philippine honorary consul to the Commonwealth, third from left, topmost row, joins other members of the Filipino community in this photo in front of the Office of the Governor on Capitol Hill.
JOEL D. PINAROC

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres led other government officials in a signing ceremony proclaiming June as “NMI-Philippines Friendship Month.”

Inos, in a speech, noted that he was glad to note that the ceremony drew almost all the department heads as well as representatives of the Filipino community in the Commonwealth.

He also delivered a message thanking Filipinos for continuing to be an important part of the CNMI community.

Glicerio Arago, the Philippine honorary consul in the Commonwealth, said the ceremony is important for both the CNMI and the Philippines because it “helps strengthen the friendship that has been established for centuries.”

“I am also glad to see that there are so many who attended the ceremony,” Arago said, adding that the presence of many government dignitaries show that “they care for us [the Filipino community].”

“The Northern Marianas Is-

land and the Philippines share many Spanish cultural heritage, customs, traditions, and values,” the proclamation letter reads.

The proclamation cited the contribution of “Filipino engineers, medical workers, teachers, and other laborers who arrived in the CNMI several decades ago and through this day, have substantially contributed to the desired economic progress and development of Saipan, Timian, and Rota, that furthermore enhanced the camaraderie between the Commonwealth

and the Philippines.”

The proclamation signing is in line with the celebration of Philippine Independence Day on June 12. As has become tradition, the United Filipino Organizations will mark the occasion with a *Pistang Pinoy*, which will be held this year on June 14 at grounds of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.

On June 12 itself, the Filipino community will have an early morning flag-raising ceremony at the McDonald’s Middle Road branch. (*Joel Pinaroc*)

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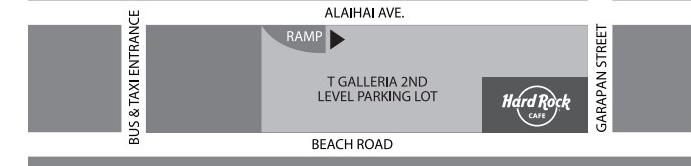
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Selection of Dentons as EIS review consultant confirmed

The Inos administration has confirmed the selection of a consultant to handle a third-party review of a draft environmental impact statement on military activities on Tinian and Pagan.

Press secretary Ivan Blanco confirmed a report by *Saipan Tribune* on Monday, which said that Dentons, a global law firm, is the consultant selected to review thousands of pages of draft EIS documents on proposed live-fire training.

Wiseman delays Fitial's sentencing

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman postponed yesterday the scheduled June 17, 2015, sentencing of former governor Benigno R. Fitial.

Wiseman said Fitial's sentencing is re-scheduled to June 24, 2015, at 1:30pm.

Wiseman ordered the former governor to appear at the sentencing.

"If the defendant fails to appear at the scheduled hearing, a bench warrant shall be issued," said the judge in a one-page order.

Wiseman said the deadline for the parties to submit any sentencing memorandums is now due on or before June 12.

The judge did not indicate the reason for the rescheduling.

Saipan Tribune, however, learned that Wiseman has a trial on June 17.

Last month, the 69-year-old Fitial pleaded guilty to the charges of misconduct in public office and conspiracy to commit theft of services.

Fitial was in Makati, Philippines, when he appeared at the change of plea hearing via teleconference. The hearing was held in the U.S. District Court for the NMI in Garapan because it has sophisticated communication equipment.

Misconduct in public office is a misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and up to \$1,000 fine, while conspiracy to commit theft of services is a felony that carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

The offense of misconduct in public office refers to the time when Fitial had his masseuse—a female Chinese who was at that time a federal prisoner at the Department of Corrections in Susupe—temporarily released so she could massage him at his house on Jan. 8, 2010.

The conspiracy to commit theft of services refers to Fitial's role in former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham's efforts to evade lawful service of process during his departure from the Commonwealth at the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport on Aug. 3 or 4, 2012.

Fitial resigned as governor on Feb. 20, 2013, days after the House of Representatives impeached him on charges of corruption, felony, and neglect of duty.

Fitial and his wife have been staying in the Philippines, where he has been undergoing medical rehabilitation.

Blanco said an official announcement will be made from the Governor's Office soon.

It was reported that Dentons had submitted a joint application for environmental impact consultant job with Environmental Science Associates, or ESA, an environmental science and planning firm.

Notably, Dentons assisted the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Guam Preservation Trust in su-

ing the U.S. Department of Defense to prevent the building of live-fire range complexes on Pagat, an ancient Chamorro village in Guam.

The groups argued that the U.S. Navy failed to adequately consider and evaluate alternate sites for their firing complex, and by doing so failed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.

In November 2011—in what was called a victory by these groups—the

U.S. Navy filed a declaration in federal court to order another supplemental review of proposed sites—essentially restarting the NEPA process over again.

On their website, under "Environmental Litigation," Dentons say the National Environmental Policy Act is an area of "particular strength" for the firm.

"The head of our U.S. Environmental practice was the lead draftsman for the NEPA's implementing regulations (which apply to all federal agencies),

and no NEPA document on which we have advised has ever been found inadequate in court," Dentons says.

Dentons was referring to partner Nicholas Yost, who served as general counsel of the Council on Environmental Quality—in the executive office of the President of the United States—from 1977 to 1981.

Yost was also attorney of the Guam Preservation Trust in their lawsuit against DOD. (*Joel Pinaroc*)

Ex-con poker robber gets one year in prison for violating probation terms

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REPORTER

A man previously convicted of robbing a poker arcade was slapped yesterday with a one-year prison term without the possibility of parole for violating the terms and conditions of his probation when he punched two men in the face for no reason in separate incidents in 2014.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced 36-year-old Jesse Joseph Q. Saralu to one year in prison, topped with another year of supervised probation once he finishes serving his sentence.

The judge revoked Saralu's probation in March after he admitted to violating the terms and conditions of his probation in two prior criminal convictions.

At yesterday's sentencing, assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas recommended one year in prison without the possibility of parole, saying this is

intended to punish Saralu so he may truly understand the seriousness of his crime and deter him from committing future crimes by taking away his liberty for a longer period of time.

In this case, Barcinas said that on Sept. 13, 2014, at 1am, Saralu walked into Blusky Poker in San Antonio and, for no apparent reason, punched Kurt King in the face.

Saralu fled the scene with his vehicle, but a police officer pulled him over. While the officer was talking to him, Saralu fled and eluded officers to his mother's residence in Koblerville.

Barcinas said that on Dec. 7, 2014, at 12am, Saralu walked inside Star Poker near Quartermaster and again, for no apparent reason, punched Joshua Muña in the left eye.

Barcinas said Saralu randomly punches individuals for no apparent reason.

» For no apparent reason, defendant punched 2 men in separate incidents

"He is a danger to the community and deserves nothing but punitive punishment for his violent offenses and his repeated path of violating the court's orders," she said.

Since 2001, Saralu has been in and out of jail for violent offenses and appears to be a poor probationer, she added.

Among Saralu's convictions was in September 2008, when he was sentenced to six years in prison for robbing Capitol Hill Poker in Sadog Tasi in broad daylight. He was paroled in May 2012, after serving just four years of his six-year prison term.

Barcinas said that only a year later Saralu's parole was suspended because he violated his parole conditions.

Six months after being released in March 2014, Saralu was again arrested for another violent offense. Then three months after that, he was arrested again

for another violent offense.

Barcinas said Saralu's continued path of criminal activity shows a complete disregard for the laws of the CNMI and a disregard for the safety and prosperity of the community.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato, counsel for Saralu, recommended no prison term at this time, but asked the court to retain the option to revoke the sentence at a later date.

Sato said this would give Saralu the opportunity to demonstrate his ability to maintain his sobriety, regain employment, complete his probation, and reintegrate into the community.

The defense lawyer said Saralu admits that he has a problem with alcohol that contributes to his "lapses in judgment."

Sato said in the long term, Saralu wishes to explore the possibility of relocating to Parkland, Washington, transferring his supervision, and reuniting with his two young children and their mother.



Members of the Rotary Club Saipan and the Northern Marianas Technical Institute stand before the bookshelves they donated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Each firehouse on Saipan will receive a shelf that will be filled with books and magazines to provide pastime activities for firefighters.

Rotary Club donates shelves to Saipan firehouses

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REPORTER

The Rotary Club Saipan, headed by president Richard Cody, presented bookshelves to Saipan's firehouses yesterday, with a plan to stock them up with books and magazines in the months ahead.

A total of six shelves were personally presented to Fire Commissioner Clyde Norita at the Northern Marianas Technical Institute.

Four of the bookshelves were donated by Atkins Kroll and refurbished by NMTI. The institute built two more shelves so that all of Saipan's firehouses will get one.

According to Cody, the project began when he and his wife noticed the lack of recreational materials that firefighters can use while on duty for 24 hours.

"This is a service to the community and you guys out there who are working too long shifts," Cody said.

Norita noted that firefighters have 24-hour shifts and the fire stations serve as their house for those hours.

Also present at the donation were Rotary director Thomas Thornburgh and secretary Reina Camacho, Rotarian Wendell Posadas, NMTI director Rip Stephanson, and members of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

"We're very appreciative of the Rotary Club and of course NMTI, and the other partners who put this together.

All stations need the shelves definitely, plus the books that are going to come with that eventually," Norita said.

Rotary will be donating magazines as well and will be organizing a book drive to fill the shelves.

"The more literature we have for our firefighters, the better," Thornburgh said.

"[This is] not only for our firefighters who are there but for the visitors at the station," Norita said.

He added that he will also be asking fire stations from off island if they can donate books for Saipan's stations.

LTA launches \$10,000 Founders Scholarship Fund

The Latte Training Academy, a CNMI non-profit, has announced the launching of its college scholarship program for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. The program, which is broken into several distinct categories, will offer \$10,000 in college scholarships to eligible CNMI students.

The organization's Founders Scholarship Fund pays homage

to the founding board members of the organization: Arielle Buyum, Jeremy Sasamoto, and Julian Aguon. The program is designed to award scholarships in the areas of specific interests to each founding member, including business, public health and human rights. The program offers three \$1,000 scholarships and three \$1,500 scholarships. Additionally, the program will

also offer one \$2,500 scholarship to a student pursuing a degree in Education in honor of the Latte Training Academy's partnership with the CNMI Public School System.

"The current board of the Latte Training Academy is in awe of the work that the founding board members did. Their vision has provided many of our participants the skill set and

confidence to join our workforce and aid our private sector. The founding board members forged strategic partnerships with key organizations, including Island Training Solutions, LLC, HANMI, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and most importantly the CNMI Public School System. Applicants will be required to achieve a specified grade point average at the time of application and must main-

tain the GPA through the time of award. Applicant must have applied to an accredited post-secondary institution, as well as perform a specified number of community service hours. All eligibility requirements can be found at www.lattetrainingacademy.com. Applications will be made available in January 2016 for awards to be disbursed in June 2016. (LTA)

Amata lauds selection of OIA interns for DC office

WASHINGTON D.C.—Delegate Aumua Amata (R-A. Samoa) was informed last week of the selection of four students from the U.S. Insular areas to participate in the Office of Insular Affairs Internship Program.

"I want to thank Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary Esther Kia'aina for informing me of the selections and for her work to ensure that our young people from the Insular

Areas are being included in opportunities to get involved in serving the nation," said Amata. "I

can think of no better way to get our young people involved in the process and informed about how government affects their lives."

The following four students were selected to participate in the program: Fuatino Leleo Solaita of American Samoa, James Passi Camacho of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cajay S.T. Jacobs of the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Martin Joseph Moore III of the Republic of Palau. These successful students were chosen out of a pool of approximately 400 applicants from across the country for this paid internship program, the first of its kind for the insular areas.

Fuatino Leleo Solaita, who hails from the village of Nu'uuli, is pursuing a master's degree in Business Administration from Chaminade University in Hawaii. She is a graduate of Samoana High School and received her B.A. in Business Administration from Chaminade University and is currently working as a Human Resources practitioner at the American Samoan government Department of Human Resources.

"I especially want to congratulate Fuatino Leleo Solaita on her continued pursuit of excellence and furthering her career through this opportunity. It is imperative that we get as many of our young people to participate in these programs, as they will be the future leaders of our community," said Amata. (*Office of the Delegate*)



BEACH CLEANUP

Kagman High School JROTC cadets conducted a cleanup of Marine Beach in Kagman 3 on Saturday, June 6. The cadets swept sidewalks, raked the grass, and spruced up the entire beach. Marine Beach is one of Saipan's most popular beaches. In this photo, the KHS JROTC cadets have their picture taken with their two Army instructors.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Seats still available for history research workshop

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council said yesterday that a few seats are still available for the upcoming history research workshop to be held from June 29 to July 3 at the Northern Marianas College.

This workshop will be facilitated by University of Guam professor Dr. Michael Clement Jr. and is intended to provide

participants with the basic tools to conduct historical research in the Mariana Islands.

Participants will learn how to identify historically significant topics, develop scholarly research proposals, navigate local archives, and conduct oral history.

The workshop will also familiarize participants with the

technical aspects of writing a scholarly research paper.

In addition to methodology, the course will introduce participants to the ethical concerns and cultural/historical implications of conducting research in small island communities.

Each participant will produce a short research paper by the conclusion of the workshop and

authors will be invited to present their papers at the upcoming 3rd Marianas History Conference in September.

Anyone wishing to participate in this workshop is asked to submit an application form to council staff on or before June 22.

Application forms may be downloaded from the council's website, www.northernmarianashumanities.org, or

picked up at the council office in the Springs Plaza building in Gualo Rai.

Dr. Clement is an assistant professor of history at UOG. He holds an MA in Micronesian Studies from UOG and a PhD in Pacific History from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Contact council staff at 235-4785 for more information about this upcoming event. (*NMI Humanities Council*)

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

Municipality of Tinian and Aguijan
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹
- III. REPORTS
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. Executive Director's Report
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Management of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
 - b. Licensing Matters
 - 1. Casino Key/Casino Employee License Applications
 - 2. Hotel Registrations
 - 3. Casino Service Industry License Applications
 - 4. Casino License/Suitability Applications
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION²
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

¹ Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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Frances A. Castro
Director, DCRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel Resort under permit application No.SMS-2015-X-029. The permit application was submitted by the Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC to construct a state-of-the-art, upscale gaming hotel within the business district of Garapan between the Fiesta Resort and the Grandrio Resort. The Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel Resort will be built on both public and private lands totaling 447,915 square feet. The proposed project will be featuring an all-suite hotel tower, restaurants, night club, health spa, salon and fitness center, beach club, and meeting facilities with over 220 guest rooms.

The public hearing is scheduled for June 25, 2015, at 5:00PM at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comment during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

Vanuatu villagers wait for eternal life—from Prince Philip

By NICK PERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

YAKEL, Vanuatu (AP)—Standing under his sacred banyan tree, Albi Nagia sings as he cracks open a coconut with a few deft strikes from his bush machete. He chews the meat inside and spits it out in a shower, to the delight of the gathering chickens.

He is praying to Prince Philip. Yes, that Prince Philip: the Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth II's husband, who celebrates his 94th birthday on Wednesday.

In England, the former naval officer is known as a sports enthusiast who's a bit cantankerous at times and prone to saying the wrong thing. To several hundred people living in a handful of remote villages on Tanna island in the tropical Pacific archipelago of Vanuatu, he's much more.

"Here in Tanna, we believe that Prince Philip is the son of our God, our ancestral God who lives up in the mountain," says Nako Nikien, who prefers to go by the name Jimmy Joseph.

Joseph said it's become a tradition to talk, or pray, to Philip each evening, when villagers from Yaohnanen and Yakel gather in their meeting places and share an intoxicating brew made from kava plants.

"We ask him to increase the production of our crops in the garden, or to give us the sun, or rain," Joseph says, pausing. "And it happens."

Those prayers became more pressing after Cyclone Pam ripped through Tanna in March, killing at least five on the island of 30,000 and destroying homes and crops.

Both Nagia and Joseph are members of the Prince Philip movement, an unusual cult that developed in a place where people still choose to live as they have for centuries, in simple thatch huts and wearing nothing but grass skirts or a penis shield called a nambas.



In this Sunday, May 31, 2015 photo, Albi Nagia poses with photographs of Prince Philip in Yakel, Tanna island, Vanuatu. Nagia is part of a movement which worships the prince as the son of their ancestral God. AP

Known as kastom, it's a traditional way of life that's under threat from the spread of Western civilization. Down a winding, rutted dirt track far from anywhere, people feel free to live this way, but when they make the trek to the island's main town to sell the coffee beans they grow or buy rice, they usually put on clothes.

Joseph says he believes that the spirit of Philip, who was born in Greece, comes from Tanna and that one day he will return. On that day, he says, the fish will leap from the sea and life will become eternal. He says he's not worried that Philip is aging and may soon die.

"The movement will always continue," he says. "And, from my opinion, or from what we believe, the spirit in Prince Philip won't die."

It's unclear how the movement began. It appears to have grown in the 1960s as an offshoot or rival to another unusual island movement, the John Frum cargo cult. That cult began around the 1930s and got a boost when U.S. servicemen were posted to Vanuatu during World War II.

Followers believe the mysterious John Frum will one day return from afar and bring spiritual and material wealth. They have adopted symbols like the American flag and once a year

they march, drill-style, while carrying imitation rifles fashioned from bamboo sticks.

Joseph said the John Frum movement grew at a difficult time, as elders tried to cling to traditional beliefs and prophecies but were mocked and imprisoned for them as Christianity took hold.

The Prince Philip movement got a boost when Philip and the queen visited Vanuatu in 1974 on the royal yacht Britannia, although the prince never set foot on Tanna island. Elders later sent Philip a club from Tanna, and he sent them back a photograph showing him holding it, which the el-

ders took as a further sign that he was The One.

Lamont Lindstrom, an anthropology professor at the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma, said people on Tanna traditionally talk to a variety of spirits and can increase their stature in society through storytelling and prophecy.

"The people believe in everything and nothing," he says.

Lindstrom said that while the Prince Philip movement might have begun organically enough, it may have been encouraged by British officials stationed in Vanuatu who saw it as a counterpoint to the John Frum movement, which drew inspiration from France and

the United States.

In recent years, the Prince Philip movement may again have been bolstered by the west. Nagia and Joseph were among five locals who in 2007 were flown to England by the British reality show "Meet the Natives." The five met Philip privately at Windsor Castle.

"Meeting him was just wonderful," says Joseph. "It's just like being in a spiritual world."

He said the village chiefs wanted the five to ask Philip a specific question in the form of an allegory, but they ended up asking the wrong one. They asked: Was the pawpaw ripe? Joseph says Philip responded: It's too cold in England.

Joseph says only the chiefs can decipher what the allegory about the tropical fruit, also called a papaya, really means. But if he was to guess, he says, it's that it was not yet time for Philip to visit Tanna.

A trickle of curious outsiders continues to visit these remote villages, which may be helping to sustain the movement and to encourage the ancient way of living. One such outsider is Jerzy Grebosz, a Polish computer scientist and nuclear physicist who often spends his vacation time living in Yakel, wearing nothing but slip-on shoes and a nambas.

"For me, travel in space is obvious, I'm from Europe. But travel in time—I'm just like going back 2,000 years with this experience," he says. "Meeting these people, talking to them, sharing their problems, helping them sometimes. You really touch the culture, inside. So I'm very happy that they considered me as a friend."

However, the one Westerner many here really want to see has never come.

"Philip, your father lived there," says Nagia, pointing to the mountain. "We came to England to visit you. You must come. We love you."

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 10, 2005

Another strong eruption on Anatahan

Anatahan's volcano unleashed its fury anew in another strong eruption that kicked up ash to 30,000 feet in the air, resulting in an ashfall in the Northern Islands. In a joint report, the EMO and the U.S. Geological Survey said the strong explosion occurred at about 12:08am yesterday. A 7-minute long eruptive pulse sent ash to 30,000 feet in the air. This makes it one of the volcano's strongest recent eruptions, second only to the record 50,000 feet elevation set by the volcano's strongest historical eruption last April 6. Tremor levels on Anatahan remained moderate but they began to increase at about 9pm Thursday. At about 12:04am yesterday, two long-period earthquakes occurred.

Babauta's fate now with jury

The trial of former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. laboratory manager Pedro Babauta concluded yesterday at the U.S. District Court, with the jury now deliberating on their verdict. Babauta is facing charges of conspiracy and false documents that defrauded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The charges stemmed from investigation conducted by the EPA. The Division of Environmental Quality assisted in the probe. Each count of the indictment carries a maximum

term of imprisonment of five years, three years of supervised release, and a fine equaling the greater of \$250,000 or twice the gain or loss from the offense.

June 10, 2008

5 hurt in 3-vehicle collision

Five persons were hurt, including two women who were seriously injured, during a three-vehicle collision that resulted in a van flipping to its side along Beach Road, Garapan yesterday afternoon. Meanwhile, two vehicles also collided at the accident-prone Middle Road-Sugar King Park intersection yesterday afternoon. No one was reported seriously injured. The two women were immediately brought to the Commonwealth Health Center. Department of Public Safety spokesperson Lei Ogunoro told Saipan Tribune late afternoon yesterday that she was still waiting for an update on the condition of the two women. An 18-year-old male, the son of former Tinian senator Joaquin Adriano, suffered a minor scratch on his left arm.

Bottled water prices jump

Prices for bottled water on Saipan are going up, the latest sign of the toll rising utility costs, gas prices and the recent minimum wage hike are taking on local businesses. The Saipan Ice and Water Company on June 1 raised the price of its 5 gallon water jugs by 25 cents, or 5 cents per gallon, the first time the company has increased its prices in years, according to owner Anthony Pelligrino. Meanwhile, one of Pelligrino's local competitors, Star Water, is poised to boost the price of water delivery by 50 cents for some customers. Pelligrino attributed the price jump primarily to

the high cost of electricity on Saipan, saying recent rate changes have meant \$30,000 electric bills.

June 10, 2012

Troop store burglary suspect surrenders

Derik Reyes, the suspect in the burglary at the U.S. Army Reserve Center's troop store in Puerto Rico, Saipan, surrendered yesterday to the Department of Public Safety. Reyes showed up at DPS accompanied by his mother at 12:21pm and was placed under arrest at 12:26pm, police spokesman Jason Tarkong told *Saipan Tribune*. Tarkong said the mother contacted police detective Roque Camacho yesterday about Reyes' intent to surrender. At 12:14pm, police detective Jess Norita, who was with Camacho at the time, called DPS Central to inform them about this development. Reyes is expected to be taken to the Superior Court today, Monday, for his initial appearance.

Feds: Overspending led to food stamp cuts

U.S. Food and Nutrition Services Administrator Audrey Rowe pointed to the CNMI's own overspending that led to the 13.6 percent food stamp benefit cuts beginning May 1, a piece of information that the public wouldn't have known if not for Rowe's recent response to Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's (Ind-MP) letter inquiring about the benefit cuts at a time when the CNMI needs more aid than ever. The CNMI government gave more monthly food stamp benefits to every household than was approved by and agreed upon with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's FNS in the fiscal year 2012 budget. That's just one of two bad news about the food stamp program in the CNMI.

Fee waivers for NMC Cash for College participants

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College's upcoming "Cash for College" workshops will qualify to have their NMC fall 2015 admission application fee and placement test fees waived. The waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

The free workshops will be held at the NMC campuses on

Saipan (As Terlaje campus in Building A), Tinian (Room D), and Rota (Building A1) on Saturday, June 13, 2015. These workshops will be ongoing sessions, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and before the end of the workshops at 3pm.

The aim of the workshops is to

assist students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education. The Cash for College workshops are open to new and ongoing students, as well as members in the community.

Participants of the workshop will be provided with personal,

step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program, the Tinian and Rota Municipal Scholarship, the CNMI Scholarship, the TEACH Grant, and more.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), three official transcripts, signed 2014 1040 tax form (2014 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), and/or proof of CNMI residency

for 2013 and 2014 (e.g., CNMI 1040 tax form, employment verification from your employer, official transcripts, voters certification, etc.)

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at (670) 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. (NMC)

Search for missing swimmer off Agat



SANTA RITA, Guam—Responders from multiple agencies are searching for a missing swimmer off the western coast of Guam.

During the afternoon of June 9, 2015, watch standers at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam's Rescue Sub-Center received a report from Guam Fire Department's dispatch regarding a missing 51-year-old male spear fisherman off the coast of Agat Bay, Guam in the vicinity of

Agat Cemetery.

Sector Guam is coordinating search efforts for multiple resources to include: a helicopter from U.S. Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25; a shoreline team from Guam Police Department; and a 45-foot rescue boat from Coast Guard Station Apra Harbor.

Updates will be provided as additional information becomes available. (USCG)

FSM reviews disaster risk management lessons from typhoons

POHNPEI—The Federates States of Micronesia is reviewing its disaster response in the wake of the three typhoons that hit the country between April and May this year.

The review, which involves representatives from the four states of FSM and partners, including the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the European Union, is part of the Second FSM Disaster Risk Management Platform being held in Yap State between June 8 and 12, 2015.

In April this year, typhoon Maysak severely impacted Chuuk and the outer islands of Yap. This was followed by typhoon Noul, which hit the main island of Yap. Typhoon Dolphin caused heavy damage on Kosrae and Pohnpei in May.

The Second FSM Disaster Risk Management Platform is funded by the European Union, as part of the Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific Project, implemented by SPC.

The forum is being led by the respective state disaster coordi-

nating officers, and assisted by staff of the Weather Service Office and Red Cross.

Representatives of women's associations and associations for persons with disabilities are also part of the program, which aims to capture a holistic view of how the typhoons impacted particularly vulnerable groups.

The review seeks to understand the unique challenges faced by these groups during disasters, and to develop practical solutions that will be included in state work plans to address future disaster response.

The unique challenges faced by persons with disabilities during disasters include deaf people not hearing warning alerts, and blind people and the infirm who require assistance to respond to a rapidly developing emergency.

The outcome from the First FSM DRM platform, held in 2014, is also being discussed in order to assess the progress that has been made in disaster response by the four FSM states.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, which was adopted at the Third World Disaster Risk Reduction Platform in March this year, will be presented to the platform by the Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM).

National government departments, bilateral and donor partners and foreign embassies will present their respective programs and projects, to enable the states to embrace assistance and support that is available to set priorities and enhance safety and resilience in the face of climate change and disasters.

Each state is expected to develop a disaster response work plan for the following

12 months.

The platform was opened Monday by Yap State Gov. Tony Ganngiyan, with an opening address by the Director of SPC's North Pacific Regional Office, Gerald Zackios.

The ACP-EU Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific is a European Union-funded project (€19,367,000)

implemented in partnership with SPC. Its objective is to reduce the vulnerability, as well as the social, economic and environmental costs of disasters caused by natural hazards, thereby achieving regional and national sustainable development and poverty reduction goals in 15 Pacific countries of the Africa Caribbean Pacific group of states. (SPC)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Kagman High School schedule of events

- June 11: Final exams for 9th, 10th and 11th graders - half day schedule; dismissal at 12pm; commencement exercise at American Memorial Park at 3pm.

- June 12: Final exams - not a half day schedule. Regular dismissal at 3:20pm.

- June 15: Make-up day - not a half day schedule. Regular dismissal at 3:20pm; end of the year student raffle!

- June 16: Last day of school year 2014-2015! Half-day schedule, dismissal at 12pm.

For more information, call KHS Main Office at 664-3780/237-3840 or email khsayuyu@kagmanhigh.org. (KHS)

Pediatric CPR/AED with first aid training

The American Red Cross will hold a Pediatric CPR/AED with first aid training on June 27, 2015, from 10am to 3pm at the NMI Chapter Office. Please call the chapter office at 234-3459 for more information. (ARC)

Survivors and caregivers support meeting on Thursday

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2015, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. Guest speaker will be Dr. Tiffany Lin, MD, department chair of Pediatrics/UCSF Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellow, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Topic: "Survivorship guidelines for survivors of cancer: How to take care of your health if you have survived cancer and gotten chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or surgery for your cancer." To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

CCA board meeting on June 16

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

Navy, Air Force training at FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla today, June 10, from 10am to 11:55pm. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the dates and times indicated. (PR)

BUILD EXITO SCHOLARS

Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Hart, seated center, along with other key NMC staff, pose with the recipients of the Build EXITO scholarship. The Build EXITO program is a collaboration between Portland State University, Northern Marianas College, and other colleges who have partnered to train, mentor, and support students from around the region and to prepare them to solve important health issues. The recipients will receive research and training experience, student financial support, and opportunities for travel. The recipients are, seated from left to right, Beda Mundo, Marjon Martin, Daimé Rivera, and Elphidia Sablan. Also in photo, standing from left to right, are Roland Merar, instructor, School of Education; Kathleen Laurio; Amanda Allen, director, Distance Learning Education; Charlotte Cepeda, director of NMC's School of Education; Floyd Masga, director, Community Development Institute; and Barbara Marfalen, dean of Academic Programs and Services.



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Privacy fight is far from over

The Senate's passage of the USA Freedom Act last week marks the first time since the Nixon administration that Congress chose to rein in a powerful intelligence agency such as the NSA.

Ending the National Security Agency's ability to collect data wholesale was a significant step toward reclaiming Americans' privacy rights. But Congress is not close to restoring a presumption of privacy—or to rebuilding trust in digital communication, the foundation of the tech industry that drives the American economy.

The cost to the tech industry as a result of NSA spying is estimated to reach \$200 billion by 2016, as Americans and our European and Asian allies lose confidence in our security software.

The expiration of the Patriot Act signals the end of mass collection of Americans' phone records without a warrant. But really, the reforms in the USA Freedom Act are modest. They leave intelligence agencies ample room to continue needless invasions of privacy.

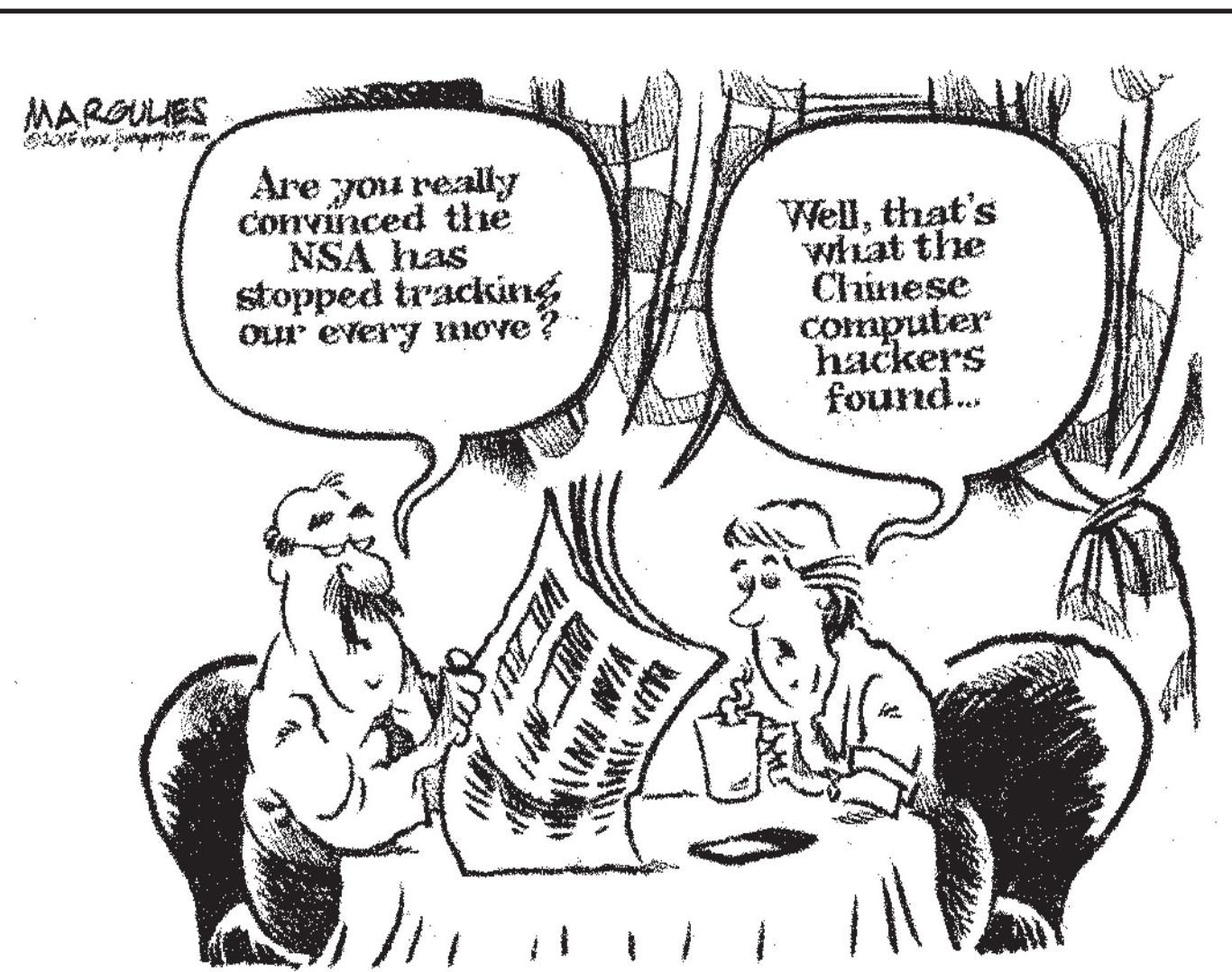
For example, the NSA will still be able to obtain metadata from phone companies by seeking a court order, virtually a rubber-stamp process. Intelligence agencies will still be able to collect Americans' emails older than six months. The NSA will still demand that Silicon Valley companies leave a backdoor entry point for them to peruse searches and social media exchanges.

And surveillance agencies will still be able to snoop on all international communications involving Americans—anyone doing business or talking to loved ones overseas. This will further damage U.S. relationships with allies.

Some privacy advocates want Congress to reprise the Church Committee convened in the wake of Watergate to probe abuses by the CIA, FBI and NSA. But there's no need: The work was done in 2013 by the President's Review Group on Intelligence, which included former members of the CIA and NSA and experts on privacy law—not a wide-eyed idealist among them. They made 46 excellent, specific recommendations. Curtailing the metadata collection and increasing the transparency of surveillance programs are among a handful that have gotten traction.

The tech industry can push for implementation of the rest. Increasingly engaged in lobbying, companies can authoritatively argue that effective intelligence gathering does not have to trample Americans' privacy rights. The public has yet to see evidence that the NSA's "collect it all" approach to phone records ever thwarted a terrorist.

Politicians increasingly understand that the path to the presidency runs through Silicon Valley's pockets. A record \$64 million from this region went to the 2012 presidential campaigns. Valley executives and organizations should insist that candidates commit to preserving the fundamental right to privacy essential to Americans' personal liberty—and, by the way, an essential factor in the industry's ability to thrive.



Thomas J. Camacho

Last weekend, we buried the remains of Thomas J. Camacho at CK, the low key fellow who was friend to the disability community and folks who came upon his acquaintance in the hats he wore in our midst, most recently that of transport and transit tsar.

I actually had to do a double take on the announcement, thinking that it might be our beloved bishop, the native of and *emeritus* of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa who retired five years ago at 76, who might have decided to meet his maker. We apologize to the bishop for messing up with his schedule. Then a mutual friend confirmed that it was actually the younger Tom of our acquaintance who was interred!

We understand that Tom came from a parks and recreation role in his younger public official days before he took a facilitative role in promoting the cause of the differently-abled (my term for those characterized as "disabled"), started to plot the transit infrastructure of the Commonwealth, and promoted the abundance of geothermal energy in our sovereign jurisdiction.

I have two children with autism (the polite term is Autism Spectrum Disorder, or ASD). Their different abilities cost me a marriage and sent me reeling to this side of the globe while they lived outside of D.C., and now call Ohio home. Happily, I landed in the CNMI, gravitated to the Parents' Association of Children with Autism (PACA) with the Cabrerias, *et al.*, and its broader offspring (STaRPO), the Saipan, Tinian and Rota Parents' Organization gathering families focused on autism, cerebral palsy, and Down's syndrome.

I stepped back from the organizational affairs of the autism society when I took on teaching in the Public School System but as new friend Joe Kaipat says when I told him I used to be a member of MINA, he categorically said, "You are still a member!" I suppose that holds true with the developmentally challenged groups I associated with.

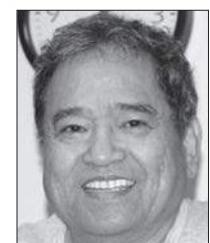
It was in his capacity as coordinator of a governmental office on disabilities that Tom Camacho, in one of the public functions he organized to honor individuals and families, had me up for an award that I declined. I knew others would be encouraged in their voluntary efforts if they were recognized with an award. Since I was already *vocated* (don't look for the term in your dictionary, *it don't formally exist*), I was only too content to take the backseat.

With award-conscious CNMI, the act of refusal might have been a *faux pas* on my part, and a slap in the face to the good graces of Tom. Our dear friend distanced himself from that moment on, though still remaining his affably civil self. I kept up with what he was doing even when he moved close to the Governor and the Legislature, until I left to teach at a university in China.

Tom's middle name is "Jesus," one that Christians often get

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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named after, from a serious iconic idol (*aka*, "Lord" in the medieval metaphor), in the same way as kids are named "Mahmoud and/or Mohammad" in Islam. This acknowledges a side of Tom that might have defined a vocation more than the run-of-the-mill Joe de la Cruz, or Marja Attao! Which is to say, we took Tom a bit more seriously than usual.

We are often asked what the point is in writing our narratives in this column, as if there has to be a point, a message as it were, for readers to "get," leaving the onus of communication on the writer who would have done a bad job "if the reader failed to see the point."

I go back to Picasso when asked about the meaning of his depiction of the bull and the horse in Guernica. The "bull" and the "horse" are Spanish art mainstay so their presence in the painting was not surprising. What was a surprise was Picasso's answer: "...this bull is a bull and this horse is a horse.... If you give a meaning to certain things in my paintings it may be true, but it is not my idea to give this meaning.... I make the painting for the painting. I paint the objects for what they are."

There are those who will strain to find a meaning in the 55-year existence of Thomas Camacho. Not unlike Mr. Picasso, there is no absence of meaning in the life of Tom but the more pertinent question is what we derived from having encountered him, even as we suggest that the more important question in the encounter with our narrative is what sense, feelings, thoughts, and necessary deed are evoked from the reader.

Sharing those with us might result in a dialogue, but that assumes a connection of mutual respect that some of our Internet commentators hiding behind facades do not like making.

Tom is gone. At 55 (1960-2015), he comes short of the current life expectancy measure of U.S. citizens, though not too distant from many in the Chamorro and Carolinian folks of the realm. But as I noted in a local obit: *"Tom was a quiet force among the differently-abled community. The natural response is to grieve the years that we thought he should have had more of, but we can also celebrated the completion of a 55-year journey that was solely his own to live, and for which we are eternally thankful. Rest easy, Tom."*

Indeed, as he represents everyone, rest easy, Tom!

Traditional ceremonies

I've had the fortune attending traditional ceremonies north and south of the equator—Micronesia and the South Pacific—in various capacities throughout my government career. Traditional chiefs are the pillars of leadership in their community. They present community issues and plans of importance for discussion among their people.

How refreshing their words of wisdom, so far removed from the usual pompous political rhetoric we hear in town hall meetings in contemporary politics. There's depth, clarity, simplicity, and humility in their messages. They listen to their people upon which they draw dispositions from fully thought out discussion of issues.

It's an awesome experience listening to the discussion between chief, people in the hierarchy, and their people. At the end of the discussion the decision embraces what would be of greater good for the community. I miss the wisdom uttered by speakers why a proposal would be good or otherwise.

It wasn't so much the signal honor of chiefs that I find alluring as much as the traditional values behind them practiced for centuries. He employs it as a vehicle and beacon, leading his people forward. It was the sturdy foundation that provided edification—improving and uplifting—the livelihood of his people. It's a long journey where tradition serves as the powerful anchor that has endured the shifting tides of change.

Traditional chiefs hail from the matrilineal royal lineage. They are not elected or appointed. Ascendancy occurs naturally upon expiry of a ruling chief. The heir apparent takes over the reins and guides his people based on traditional values. Each is fully suited for his responsibility and the respect and dignity that come with his new role.

Iraq can't be fixed

Like Humpty Dumpty, Iraq has had a great fall and can't be put back together again. Like the egg-shaped nursery rhyme character, its fall and its fracture were all but inevitable.

That's because Iraq, like Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, was always an artificially constructed unit of incompatible parts, created by European nations from the remains of the Ottoman Empire nearly a century ago and mainly maintained by the powers of kings and dictators.

When Iraq's last warlord, Saddam Hussein, was removed, the country fractured and, despite valiant efforts by the United States and its allies, seems increasingly unlikely to survive as a united entity.

Many analysts say that's already happened. One of the region's most astute journalists, NBC's Richard Engel, recently called Iraq a "fictitious democracy."

That's the unfortunate bottom line after the United States has squandered thousands of lives and billions of dollars in what increasingly looks like a failed enterprise.

About the worst thing the United States could do now is to re-commit many thousand troops. In the long run, it would be neither politically feasible, nor economically sustainable, nor strategically effective.

This dire prospect puts a tremendous burden on President Barack Obama and his prospective successors, since the demands of global leadership require a continuing U.S. effort to curb the spreading, radical Islamic State force also known as ISIS or ISIL.

But Obama, determined to maintain his withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, remains reluctant to go beyond authorizing U.S. airstrikes, providing military hardware and training, and

Punctuality, like cleanliness, is above reproach

By SALLY FRIEDMAN
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

On a steamy July afternoon almost 55 years ago, my groom and I stood under the wedding canopy and made some important vows. They involved loving, honoring and cherishing each other.

As I recall, those vows didn't include punctuality. Perhaps they should have.

As much as we love each other, there's a ticking time bomb in our marriage, and it's time itself.

I certainly did not intuit that I was about to join my life with a wonderful man in every way—funny, smart, wise, kind—but also obsessed with punctuality.

I'll be the first to admit that time management is not my strong point. It is, in fact, a profound weakness.

I am chronically, constantly, some might say pathologically, prone to lateness. Vic is, of course, my polar opposite, as happens in so many unions when it comes to things like morning people/night people, neatnicks/slobs, optimists/pessimists.

Our very first married argument was on our honeymoon at a gilded Bermuda hotel, centered on what was to become our constant battleground.

My new husband was hungry, dinner was served at a specific

We may have similar culture though I've only heard of Chiefs Quipuha and Hurau. It must be fatally hard for them embracing the forced change wrought by the Spanish and other conquerors. I've heard of traditional and navigational chiefs in our Carolinian community. The former outranks the latter in both stature and dignity.

I miss the reverential fellowship where lasting relationships are sowed in the combined convergence of traditional and contemporary leadership. They are wise men that firmly guide the journey of their people via the strong foundational fiber of tradition. It is real leadership using the time-honored anchor of indigenous traditional values to move the lot of their people forward.

Wisdom basket

Visitation in the olden days happens for a reason. It's usually a serious matter. It includes the exchange of a cow with land for a wedding, small loan to help a son or daughter in a bind in college, among others.

It begins with the offer of a basket of betel nut or what islanders call the wisdom basket. The visitor fixes his betel nut including the host. When relaxation level is reached, the host begins the polite conversation.

Surprising the level of very respectful language used in this conversation. I've heard some of them including the pleasantries in the use of implied sentiments to express themselves that is tacitly understood. I hardly hear this mode of conversation anymore. Is it history too?

Salute to our parents

In our ripe age, we begin to look back with humble appreciation for

seeking regional political cooperation.

Leadership demands might require a modest increase in the numbers of airstrikes and American ground spotters to help target air attacks. But Obama Monday blamed insufficient Iraqi "commitments" for slowing development of a broader anti-Islamic State strategy and the overall situation argues against anything beyond what might only be a delaying action, barring an abrupt reversal of Iraqi intentions and willpower.

Meanwhile, the domestic debate continues to reflect today's partisan politics, with Democrats blaming the fallout from President George W. Bush's 2003 invasion and Republicans citing Obama's completion of a total U.S. troop withdrawal nearly a decade later.

Both arguments have validity, though the most devastating blow to Iraq's stability was Saddam Hussein's removal, and the U.S. dismantling of his military and political structure. The 2007-08 Bush "surge" was never more than a temporary Band-Aid, because Iraq's troubles are inherent, rather than transient.

Obama is continuing to press for Iraqi government leadership to maintain a united country. But his vice president, Joe Biden might have been right in 2007 when he urged its division into three self-governing entities, reflecting its Sunni, Shia and Kurdish populations.

In essence, that has happened, as the Iran-bolstered Baghdad government clings to Shia Iraq, the Kurdish north is basically autonomous, and the Islamic State controls most of the Sunni west.

"Iraq is never gonna exist as a country again," John Bolton, Bush's ambassador to the United Nations, told a Boston radio station in April. "I think Syria has ceased to exist as a country." He said the issue is whether the new Sunni state likely to arise in eastern

time and he was checking his watch every three seconds.

I was preoccupied with what to wear, and not worried about being a tad late for dinner. I learned two things that night at the Castle Harbour Hotel—my husband is really cranky when he's hungry—and we were in trouble about punctuality.

I've had to concede over these decades that Vic has the moral high ground. Punctuality, like cleanliness, is above reproach.

But I hang tough on what constitutes a "tad late," and why extenuating circumstances should count for something.

Nonetheless, Saturday nights are particularly tense when we have plans that involve theater tickets or dinner reservations.

Saturdays are my play days. I dawdle over coffee, I roam yard sales in season, heeding no schedule. And suddenly, it's time to get ready to go out.

At precisely 5:30 p.m. my guy is in the shower, readying himself for our departure. He has built in time for traffic, parking, settling into our theater seats.

I, on the other hand, am typically finishing up some emails, moving the laundry from the washer into the dryer and starting to think about getting ready. But then I make two phone calls—just two.

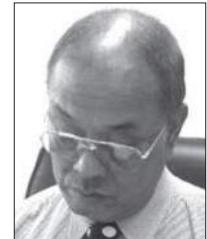
A snag in panty hose, a last-minute change in attire, and, heaven help us, an incoming phone call, can derail a sworn schedule.

I am painfully aware of a man nearby who is groomed and ready,

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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the life and the long hard journey we've treaded to reach our destiny. Difficult and dark a valley as it was there's always the sunniness of hope in the presence of our parents. There are dad's firm pillar or hands and mom's sturdy foundation and encouraging words of wisdom that sprinkle fresh hope so we begin anew.

Difficult those days may be, dad never gave up teaching how to earn our dues with honesty through sheer hard work. It made men out of young boys, learning how to steer the wheels of an old train known as life in the '50s, '60s, and '70s.

Mom's indelible influence was our spiritual upbringing, untiring encouragement that we do it right in spite of it all. When our hope is punctured she's there once more to restore our drained energy and bone-tire bodies. We move on with their sturdy coaching until we started navigating our canoes out of the channel.

I tried understanding mom's untiring energy and firm discipline amidst the abyss of abject poverty. Well, we never get to discussing it other than leave behind several issues for the author to ponder upon. A blessed happy Mother's and Father's Day to one and all!

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Syria and western Iraq is "a jihadist radical state."

Most Republican presidential hopefuls except Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul favor enhanced military measures, including stronger U.S. leadership to encourage the Saudis and the Turks to increase ground support against the Islamic State. South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham urges sending up to 10,000 U.S. troops to increase training for Iraqi forces. Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry told Fox News he wants a U.S.-led coalition to "go in and literally eliminate ISIS."

But military solutions risk resistance from the American people who want to eliminate the Islamic State—but limit the U.S. troop commitment. Diplomatic proposals also raise problems—Turkey, with its Kurdish population; the Saudis are uncomfortable with Iran's increasing influence—in a region where the lack of clear boundaries and contiguous population limit solutions.

The Nursery Rhyme was right: "All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty together again." In Iraq and Syria, that's the reality Obama or his successor will ultimately have to confront.

alternately looking at his watch and pacing. He says nothing, which makes me even more nervous, so I start to look like a cartoon character in overdrive.

Soon, there is a pointed mention, perhaps through clenched teeth, of the dinner reservation time or curtain time of the show. That means that the ride from Point A to Point B will be played out in long silences and occasional sighs.

Ain't love grand?

So what wisdom has come from the beat-the-clock wars? What have we life partners learned over the years?

That along with arguments over why I scatter newspaper sections all over the house, and leave gum wrappers on car seats, and even though he procrastinates about home repairs and cleaning out the garage—we have mastered the art of give and take and comforting each other when it really matters.

We both know that early is better, on time is perfect, and late is poor form.

But in the grand scheme of things, it's always worth it to pause, even when we're both cranky and fuming, to remember how lucky we actually are to have each other. And to say so.

Even if it makes us late.

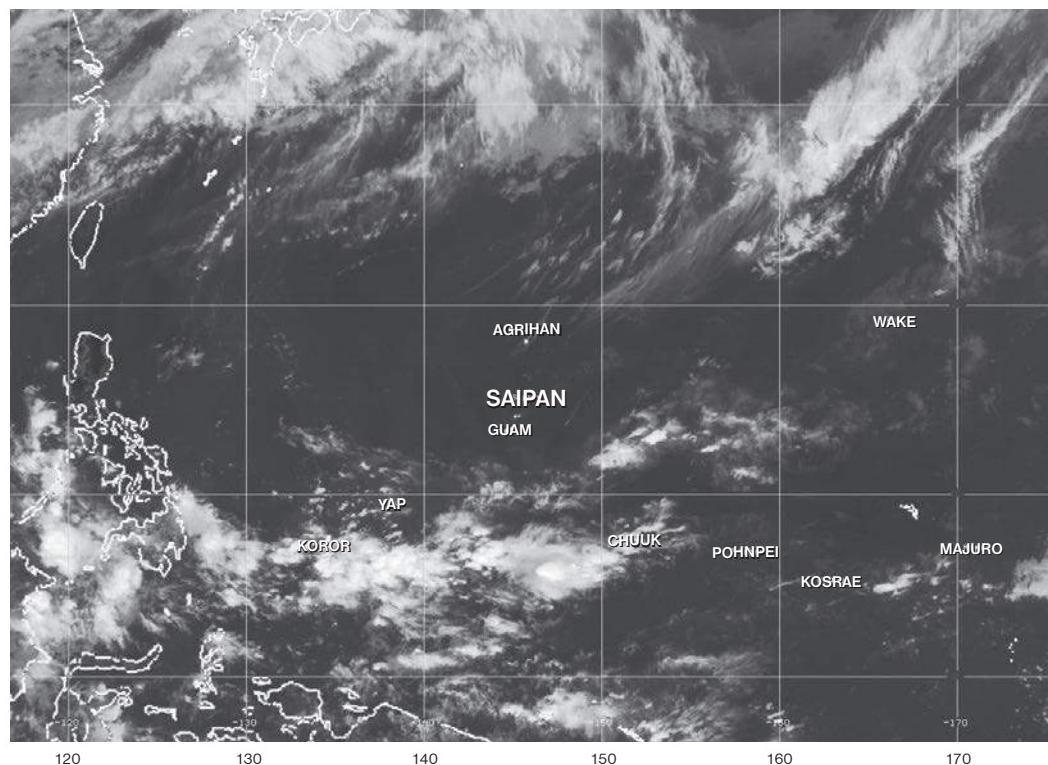
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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Yap and near Koror between 2N and 8N from 130E to 150E. A weak trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Guam within 80 miles of a line from 12N149E to 13N157E. A surface trough extends northeastward from 2N173E to 6N176E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present southeast of Majuro between 4N and 7N from 173E to 180. Widely-scattered showers are seen farther west between 4N and 7N from 165E to 173E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | ▲ 89 ▼ 77 |
| Kosrae | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 85 ▼ 79 |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | ▲ 85 ▼ 81 |

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| 8:57 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.4 Feet |

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| DEPARTURES | | | ARRIVALS | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
| SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM) | | | GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| UA5070 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily | UA5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA5068 | 8:00am | 8:50am | 3 | UA5071 | 6:40am | 7:30am | 3 |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 | UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 2:15pm | 3:55pm | 6, 7 via Rota | UA5039 | 12:55pm | 1:45pm | 6, 7 |
| UA5078 | 3:05pm | 3:55pm | 1, 5 | UA5038 | 1:00pm | 2:35pm | 2, 4 via Rota |
| UA5038 | 3:05pm | 3:55pm | 2, 4 | UA5077 | 1:45pm | 2:35pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5040 | 6:55pm | 7:45pm | 1, 5 | UA5041 | 5:35pm | 6:25pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5078 | 8:35pm | 9:25pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 | UA5077 | 7:15pm | 8:05pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5044 | 10:40pm | 11:30pm | 1, 5 | UA5043 | 9:20pm | 10:10pm | 1, 5 |
| SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP) | | | GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP) | | | | |
| UA5039 | 2:15pm | 2:50pm | 6, 7 | UA5038 | 1:00pm | 1:35pm | 2, 4 |
| ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM) | | | ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| UA5039 | 3:20pm | 3:55pm | 6, 7 | UA5038 | 2:00pm | 2:35pm | 2, 4 |
| SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR) | | | PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| DL287 | 6:05am | 1:05am+1 | 2, 6 via NRT | DL298 | 4:30am | 2:55pm | 3, 7 via NRT |
| SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) | | | NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 6 | DL298 | 10:25am | 2:55pm | Daily |
| DL297 | 4:30pm | 7:15pm | Daily | DL288 | 8:55pm | 1:25am+1 | 3, 4, 5, 7 |
| SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) | | | SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 | 7C3402 | 9:30am | 3:20pm | 1, 2, 4, 7 |
| OZ626 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | 7C3402 | 10:55am | 4:25pm | 3, 5, 6 |
| 7C3403 | 4:35am | 8:20am | 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 | OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| 7C3403 | 5:25am | 9:10am | 3, 4 | OZ625 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3401 | 4:20pm | 8:05pm | 1, 2, 4, 7 | 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | Daily |
| 7C3401 | 5:25pm | 9:10pm | 3, 5, 6 | | | | |
| SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) | | | BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| OZ608 | 3:10am | 6:20am | 4, 7 | OZ607 | 9:05pm | 1:55am+1 | 3, 6 |
| SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) | | | SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 | 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK) | | | BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| MU764 | 1:30am | 5:30am | 3, 5, 7 | MU763 | 4:30pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |
| SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) | | | GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 | 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |
| SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) | | | MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| OZ626/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN | DL276/288 | 9:30am | 1:25am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT |
| OZ626/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | UA190/5077 | 9:55am | 8:05pm | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5070/191 | 4:15am | 8:55am | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM | OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/PR111 | 4:15am | 9:20am | Daily via GUM | OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM | PR110/UA5071 | 10:05pm | 7:30am+1 | 3 via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 9:10pm | | | | | |

Business

G-7 set far-off goal to move away from fossil fuels

ELMAU, Germany (AP)—

The world should move away from using fossil fuels by the end of this century, G-7 leaders said Monday, setting an ambitious but distant goal ahead of a global conference on climate change this year.

The leaders of seven wealthy democracies also warned Russia that sanctions imposed for its actions against Ukraine would remain until a cease-fire is fully observed in eastern Ukraine—and those sanctions could be made tougher if the situation requires.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose turn it was to host the annual gathering, pressed for a commitment to “decarbonize” the global economy—that is, to eliminate most carbon dioxide emissions from burning oil, gas and coal. While the goal was set for the end of the century, the seven leaders also asserted that “urgent and concrete action is needed to address climate change.”

Burning fossil fuels produces carbon dioxide, which traps the sun’s heat and warms the atmosphere.

The leaders agreed to press for a reduction, by 2050, of 40 to 70 percent in the 2010 global emission levels of the greenhouse gases blamed for global warming. The range was a disappointment to some environmental activists, but the leaders added they recommended the “upper end” of that range. They also said they



AP
German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks with U.S. President Barack Obama at Schloss Elmau hotel near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Monday, June 8, 2015, during the G-7 summit.

would commit to a “transformation of the energy sectors” in their countries to produce fewer carbon emissions.

The word “decarbonization” is used to mean the replacement of carbon-based fossil fuels by alternative sources such as wind and solar power. The term is open to interpretations that include the use of some fossil fuels.

A German government spokesman said that as used by Merkel the word meant “substantial” emission reductions

in the next decades and “near zero” greenhouse gas emissions by the end of the century.

Merkel set climate change as a key topic for the gathering, just like she did the last time she hosted it in 2007.

Her goal was to come up with a united stance among the group’s advanced economies in order to better advocate for the goals at a much broader conference on how to combat global warming to be held Nov. 30-Dec. 11 in Paris. The thinking was that negotiations with other countries—including major greenhouse gas emitters such as China and India—would be easier if the developed world took a united

position.

Ulf Moslener, professor of sustainable energy finance at the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, said the G-7 statement was “largely a confirmation of what has already been agreed” on climate change. Its chief value was in getting the developed countries on the same page ahead of climate change negotiations with developing countries.

Moslener said the steep reduction implied by Merkel’s decarbonization goal does imply substantial change, “though it has to be said it’s a rather long time horizon.”

Merkel and President Barack Obama devoted much of their one-on-one meeting during the summit to Ukraine, where renewed fighting has broken out in recent days. Western nations and NATO accuse Russia of sending troops and weapons into Ukraine to support pro-Russian separatist fighters, something Russia denies.

A peace deal struck at Minsk in February requires a halt to fighting between the separatists and Ukrainian forces, and heavy weapons such as artillery and rocket launchers to be pulled back from the front line

Do more jobs mean more economic security? Not for some in US

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. economy is churning out a lot of jobs these days but not a lot of financial security for many of the people who hold them.

Pay growth, though improving, remains tepid. Many workers have few opportunities to advance. Others have taken temporary, part-time or freelance jobs, with little chance of landing full-time permanent work with benefits.

As a result, many jobs don’t deliver as much economic punch as they used to. Part of the reason is that U.S. workers have grown less efficient in recent months. When they pro-

duce less per hour of work, their earnings power shrinks. So the economy doesn’t fully benefit from the fuel that healthy job growth normally provides.

The result is a disconnect between the high number of job gains and a nagging dissatisfaction among some, both job holders and job seekers.

Lena Allison lost her job as a private-school kindergarten teacher in layoffs in September. Allison, 54, of Los Angeles has since worked temp jobs and struggled to find permanent work. Online job listings, she says, have made it hard to get face-to-face interviews.

“More people may be working jobs, but they’re like these serial part-time jobs,” she said. “They’re not life-supporting jobs.”

Allison’s experiences, shared by millions of other workers, contrast with the economic momentum suggested by the May jobs report released Friday.

The government added a solid 280,000 jobs. The unemployment rate ticked up slightly to 5.5 percent, but for a positive reason: More people decided to start seeking a job, and some didn’t find one.

Hiring surged in the health care, retail, construction and

hospitality and leisure sectors. Many analysts and investment managers cheered as average hourly wages rose at an annual rate of 2.3 percent from 2.2 percent in April, slightly ahead of inflation.

“Not only are the labor markets stronger today than at any point in the past 20 years, but we are beginning to see the start of broad-based wage growth,” Rick Rieder, chief investment officer for fundamental fixed income at BlackRock, said in a client note.

That declaration is rooted in the economic data. But it would surprise many Americans.

Obama leads calls for Greece to secure deal swiftly

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greece faced acute international pressure, notably from President Barack Obama, to secure a deal with creditors fast following days of acrimony that stoked fears of a Greek debt default and exit from the euro.

While many companies make smartphones and computers, “Apple’s crown jewels are its software and online services,” said analyst Daniel Ives, who follows tech companies for FBR Capital Markets.

Some of the new features could provide new profits for the tech powerhouse. But perhaps more importantly, they may help keep customers from defecting to rivals like Google, which showed off new features for its competing Android mobile software at its event last month.

At the end of a G-7 summit in Elmau, Germany, Obama said there was a “sense of urgency” to resolve the situation.

“What it’s going to require is Greece being serious about

making some important reforms,” Obama said. The Greeks, he added, will have to “make some tough political choices that will be good for the long term.”

Obama also stressed that the international community should “recognize the extraordinary challenges that Greeks face, and if both sides are showing sufficient flexibility, then I think we can get this problem resolved.”

And German Chancellor Angela Merkel warned time was running out, and that while Greece’s euro partners want the country to remain in the eurozone, Athens has to do its part by implementing reforms.

“There’s not a lot of time,

that’s the problem, that’s why we have to work as intensively as possible,” Merkel said.

A resolution is needed by June 30, when Greece’s bailout program ends and the remaining 7.2 billion euros (\$8.1 billion) in rescue loans will no longer be available. Without the funds, Greece cannot repay its debts and could end up crashing out of Europe’s joint currency.

Discussions hit a wall late last week, when Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras rejected as unacceptable a proposal from the three institutions overseeing Greece’s bailout—the European Central Bank, International Monetary Fund and European Commission.

Worries of a Greek default and euro exit kept markets in check Monday—the Stoxx 50 index of leading European shares closed down 0.8 percent lower and the Athens Stock Exchange ending 2.7 percent lower.

Greek government spokesman Gabriel Sakellaridis said negotiators were in Brussels to explore the “scope for convergence” with creditors and indicated there was room for negotiation.

Sakellaridis reiterated that Greece considers its proposal—a 47-page document delivered by Tsipras during a visit to Brussels last week—to be the basis for a deal.

Apple makes product upgrades, pushes into streaming music

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—

Apple announced a major new foray into streaming music on Monday as it showed off a host of new software features for its iPhones, iPads and Mac computers.

The \$10-a-month music service is called Apple Music and combines on-demand listening, a 24/7 radio station hosted by live DJs and a forum for artists to give fans behind-the-scenes content from upcoming releases.

The service, which was announced during Apple’s annual software conference Monday, will be launched later this month in more than 100 countries. It comes at a time when iTunes songs and album sales are falling, while streaming music leaders like Spotify and Deezer are gaining subscribers and revenue.

The music service was the biggest news of the company’s five-day conference, but Apple also announced a host of new upgrades and services coming later this year to the operating software for its popular iPhones, iPads and Mac computers.

Nation

Investigators seek accomplices, answers in prison escape

DANNEMORA, N.Y. (AP)—

As investigators seek accomplices who may have helped two convicted murderers escape a maximum-security prison, many other questions remain about the brash, elaborate breakout.

How could nobody hear prisoners slicing through a steel wall, breaking through brick and cutting their way in and out of a steam pipe—or why did those who heard stay silent? How did the inmates hide the hole, the dirt and dust from work that likely took days to accomplish? Did they have access to blueprints or other inside information to chart their path through the bowels of the prison?

And as a manhunt for the missing prisoners stretches into a fourth day, there is a deepening unknown: “what the rest of the plan was,” says Rick Mathews, the director of the University at Albany’s National Center for Security and Preparedness.

“Where were they going to go, and how were they going to do it?”

As investigators questioned prison workers and outside contractors Monday to try to find out who may have supplied power tools used in the “Shawshank Redemption”-style escape, law officers questioned drivers and searched trunks at checkpoints near the Clinton Correctional Facility in far northern New York. But authorities said David Sweat and Richard Matt could be anywhere—perhaps



This May 30, 2008 photo shows convicted killer Richard Matt, center, being led by officers into Niagara County Court for sentencing in Lockport, N.Y. AP

wouldn’t dare report it.

“That will get you killed—that’s the kind of environment it is,” he said.

In looking for those who may have aided the escape, Cuomo said investigators were focusing first on civilian employees and contractors who have been doing extensive renovations at the 170-year-old prison—not on guards.

“I’d be shocked if a correction guard was involved in this, but they definitely had help,” the governor said.

Corrections officials said an inventory of the prison’s tools has so far shown none missing. But contractors typically come in with truckloads of equipment, said Peter Light, a retired guard who now runs a museum inside the prison.

to be,” Jessica Lashway said as she waited for the bus with her school-age children a few doors down from the hulking, fortress-like prison.

Sweat, 34, and Matt, 48, ultimately emerged through a manhole to make their escape, discovered early Saturday, authorities said. They had stuffed their beds with clothes to fool guards making their rounds and left behind a taunting sticky note that read: “Have a nice day.”

“We always joke about it. We’re so close to the prison—that’s the last place that anyone who escaped would want

The prisoners surely had help, and the noise must have been heard, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said, though officials have given no details on how the men managed to avoid detection.

Cuomo said other inmates claimed they didn’t see or hear anything. “They’re all heavy sleepers,” he said sardonically. State Assemblyman Daniel O’Donnell, chairman of the Correction Committee, said any inmate who heard drilling

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At one point, several kids began jumping over the fence to get into the pool area and were causing a disturbance, Embry said, and a couple of fights broke out.

While he did not agree with the officer’s profanity or belligerence, Embry said, police were right to respond.

“That’s what they are supposed to do—protect us,” he said. “I don’t know any other way he could have taken her down or established order.”

According to neighbors, Embry said, a woman who lives in the community reserved the pool for a party. The homeowner

Federal judge orders last ‘Angola Three’ inmate released

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The last of the “Angola Three” inmates, whose decades in solitary confinement on a Louisiana prison farm drew international condemnation and became the subject of two documentaries, was ordered released Monday.

The ruling would free 68-year-old Albert Woodfox after more than 40 years in solitary, which human rights experts have said constitutes torture.

U.S. District Judge James Brady of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, ordered the release of Woodfox and took the extraordinary step of barring Louisiana prosecutors from trying him for a third time.

A spokesman for the Louisiana attorney general said the state would appeal Brady’s ruling to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals “to make sure this murderer stays in prison and remains fully accountable for his actions.”

Tony Pegram of the International Coalition to Free the Angola 3, who is working with Woodfox’s lawyers on his release, said they are all “thrilled that justice has come for our innocent friend.”

Woodfox was placed in solitary confinement in 1972 after

being charged in the death of a Louisiana State Penitentiary guard in April of that year. The prison farm is more commonly known as the Angola prison and is Louisiana’s only maximum-security prison.

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Asia

'Napalm girl' photographer returns—with iPhone, Instagram

TRANG BANG, Vietnam (AP)—He stands in the northbound lane of Vietnam's Highway 1, traffic swirling around him, horns honking. He is pointing. Right there, he says—that's where it happened. That's where the screaming children appeared. That's where I made the picture that the world couldn't forget.

Huynh Cong "Nick" Ut was 21 on that day more than half a lifetime ago when he stood on the same road, pointed his camera northeast and captured one of history's most famous images—a naked Vietnamese girl screaming and fleeing after South Vietnamese planes looking for Viet Cong insurgents attacked with napalm from the air.

On Monday, 43 years later to the day, Ut went back to document some of his Vietnam War memories with a tool from an entirely different era—a 4-ounce iPhone 5 equipped with the ability to send photos to the world in the blink of a digital eye.

"I stood here and watched the bombs come down," Ut said of those long-ago moments just before he exposed a frame of Kodak Tri-X black-and-white film that carried the likeness of



Pulitzer winning photographer Nick Ut gestures while talking with media at the place where he took his iconic 'Napalm girl' photo 43 years ago on Monday, June 8, 2015 in Trang Bang, Vietnam. AP

9-year-old Kim Phuc, her body severely burned.

"I was so young then," the longtime Associated Press photographer said.

It's June 8, 1972, image of

Kim Phuc, now known as the "napalm girl," helped crystallize the debate America had been having for more than half a decade about a far-off war that was lethal to so many. But

the image began its persuasive work on newspaper pages many hours later, not in the instantaneous fashion we see today.

So when Ut returned to the village of Trang Bang on Mon-

day, he came equipped with something more era-appropriate: He brought his iPhone with him and was given custody of AP Images' Instagram account for the day.

That gave him the power to upload, instantaneously, images that during the war would have taken hours to get 25 miles south to AP offices in Saigon, then in and out of the film-developing process before a print could be beamed to the world.

Sitting in a van bound for Trang Bang, Ut, a digital Leica around his neck, took a few practice shots with the iPhone. As he headed north from Ho

profile execution case since the government lifted a moratorium on the death penalty.

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The government has sharply increased its use of the death penalty. Earlier this week, Pakistan hung 12 prisoners in a sin-

gle day—the largest group since the moratorium was lifted.

Human rights groups say Pakistan has about 8,000 people on death row and have heavily criticized the government for bringing back executions, saying the legal system often uses torture to elicit confessions and does little to protect defendants.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's administration partially lifted the moratorium in December for terrorism-related cases following the Taliban attack on a school that left 150 people dead. But the government later lifted it entirely.

the same region in Jharkhand state and killed six police officers during voting in India's national elections.

Che Sim, a leader in post-Khmer Rouge Cambodia, dies at 82

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Chea Sim, a key Cambodian political figure after the fall of the brutal Khmer Rouge regime and an ally of the current leader, died Monday, an official said. He was 82 and had high blood pressure, diabetes and other chronic ailments. His death was confirmed by the head of his bodyguard unit, Yim Leang, who did not give the cause of death. Chea Sim was president of the ruling Cambodian Peo-

ple's Party since it was formed in 1991, and was president of the Senate since 1999. He became a revolutionary in the 1950s and like Prime Minister Hun Sen was a member of the communist Khmer Rouge when it seized power in 1975 after a civil war. Both men fled the group to join a resistance faction groomed by neighboring Vietnam, which installed them as Cambodia's new leaders after ousting the Khmer Rouge in 1979.

Political agreement paves the way for new Nepal constitution

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Nepal's main political parties have reached agreements on several disputed

issues that could lead to the drafting of a much-delayed constitution in the Himalayan nation. The agreement was signed by leaders of the four main political parties after hours of negotiations at Prime Minister Sushil Koirala's residence. The agreement says Nepal would have eight federal states but the names and exact borders will be decided later. Partisan political fighting has delayed an agreement on the constitution, which was initially supposed to have been drafted by 2010. Nepal has had an interim constitution since pro-democracy protests forced then King Gyanendra to give up authoritarian rule and turn Nepal into a republic.

Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, the scenery revealed the ways Highway 1 has changed since the war. Today's roadside attractions include a restaurant called "Sushi World" and a roadside vendor hawking a small-scale Statue of Liberty.

Then, as the van crossed a bridge, he announced arrival at the site of the famous image: "Right here! Right here!"

He pressed the phone against the windshield to photograph the road, then followed up with an image of the temple where Kim Phuc and her family took refuge before the bombing.

Ut has made this journey often—usually at least once a year in recent years, he says. It remains significant to him. He and the picture—and, by extension, the village—are forever linked.

In Trang Bang, Ut visited a roadside stall operated by two of Kim Phuc's cousins, then walked a kilometer down the road to where he made the famous image. There, he faced a gaggle of photographers as traffic changed lanes to avoid them.

The scene that unfolded was a curious one: Ut taking pictures, Ut taking pictures of his own pictures, people taking pictures of Ut taking pictures. By the time it wrapped up, it was unclear whether more images were taken by Nick Ut or of him.

Ut ended up posting six images of Trang Bang on Instagram, including one of Ho Van Bon, 54, Kim Phuc's cousin and the boy to her left in the 1972 photo. Today, sitting at the roadside stall, he says instantaneous photo sharing can be a potent force when bad things happen.

Drone is latest weapon against cheating on China school exam

BEIJING (AP)—The latest weapon in the fight against cheating on China's all-important college entrance exam is a six-propeller drone.

The contraption flew over two testing centers in Luoyang city in central China's Henan province to scan for any unusual signals being sent to devices smuggled by students taking the annual test.

No such signals were detected Sunday, the first day of the exam, a Henan province news website said.

The drone cost hundreds of thousands of yuan (tens of thousands of dollars) and is as big as a gas station pump when extended, said Lan Zhigang, from Luoyang's Radio Supervision and Regulation Bureau.

"A drone has its advantages. In an urban area full of tall buildings, various barriers limit the operating range of devices on ground, while the drone can rise up to 500 meters (1,640 feet) and detect signals over the whole city," Lan said.

Almost all Chinese high school graduates must take the test—more than 9 million students started it Sunday—and the scores are the key criterion for which tier of university they can enter.

Pressure is immense and many students spend months cramming. Parents travel to the cities where the tests are given to stay with their children during the exam, which can last two or three days. Those who fail can repeat a year or try to find a low-paying, blue-collar job.

Cheating is common given the high stakes, and methods include selling supposed answers, hiring surrogate test-takers and using wireless equipment to communicate during the test.

The Education Ministry said Saturday that it had arrested 23 people since late May over attempts to arrange cheating. Students caught cheating can be barred from taking the test for up to three years.

Execution of Pakistani youth suspect stayed for 4th time

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—A death-row prisoner whose family says was just 14 years old when he was convicted of killing a 7-year-old has had his execution stayed for a fourth time, authorities said Tuesday.

Liaquat Khoso, an official at Karachi Central Jail, said the order to stay Shafqat Hussain's execution was received from the country's Supreme Court just hours before Hussain was scheduled to hang.

Authorities said the execution was halted after Hussain's conviction was challenged anew in the Supreme Court and an urgent hearing by a three-judge

panel headed by the Chief Justice was set.

Hussain was to be executed in connection with the 2004 killing of a seven-year-old. His family and lawyers have said he was only 14 at the time of the alleged crime and that he was tortured into confession.

Hussain's lawyers were not available to comment on what new grounds they presented to argue that charges should be dropped. Officials stayed Hussain's execution three previous times after intense public outcry and condemnation from human rights groups.

Hussain's is the most high-

profile execution case since the government lifted a moratorium on the death penalty.

In January, Minister of the Interior Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said he was postponing the execution to allow officials to investigate Hussain's age. On Tuesday, speaking to parliament, the minister said earlier police and jail reports had put his age at 23 or 25 at the time of the arrest but said officials were still trying to determine his age.

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ASIAN BRIEFS

Indian police kill 12 Maoist rebels in eastern stronghold

PATNA, India (AP)—Police killed at least 12 Maoist rebels in a clash early Tuesday in one of their strongholds in eastern India. The police attacked the rebels as they were on their way to extort money from several mining contractors in Palamu district in Jharkhand state, said police Inspector-General S.M. Pradhan. Pradhan said the police recovered 12 bodies and eight automatic guns in a forested area, nearly 300 kilometers (200 miles) south of Patna, the capital of neighboring Bihar state. He said there were no police casualties. In April last year, Maoist rebels ambushed a police vehicle in

World

Obama: US lacks ‘complete strategy’ for training Iraqis

ELMAU, Germany (AP)—Acknowledging military setbacks, President Barack Obama said Monday the United States still lacks a “complete strategy” for training Iraqi forces to fight the Islamic State. He urged Iraq’s government to allow more of the nation’s Sunnis to join the campaign against the violent militants.

Nearly one year after American troops started returning to Iraq to assist local forces, Obama said the Islamic State remains “nimble, aggressive and opportunistic.” He touted “significant progress” in areas where the U.S. has trained Iraqis to fight but said forces without U.S. assistance are often ill-equipped and suffer from poor morale.

IS fighters captured the key Anbar provincial capital of Ramadi last month, prompting Defense Secretary Ash Carter to lament that Iraqi troops lacked “the will to fight.” That was a strikingly negative assessment of a military that has been the beneficiary of billions in U.S. assistance dating back to the war started during the administration of U.S. President George W. Bush in 2003.

Still, Obama indicated that simply increasing the number



AP
U.S. President Barack Obama speaks during a media conference at the conclusion of the G-7 summit at Schloss Elmau hotel near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, southern Germany, Monday, June 8, 2015.

of Americans in Iraq would not resolve the country’s issues. The U.S. currently has about 3,000 troops there for train-and-assist missions.

“We’ve got more training ca-

pacity than we have recruits,” he said at the close of a two-day Group of Seven meeting at a luxury resort tucked in the Bavarian Alps.

G-7 leaders invited Iraqi

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi to join them Monday for talks on the security situation in the Middle East. Obama and Abadi also met one-on-one shortly before the president departed for

Washington.

In both public and private, Obama urged Abadi and his Shiite-led government to allow more Sunnis to fight the Islamic State. The White House has long blamed Iraq’s sectarian divisions for stoking the kind of instability that allowed the militants to thrive.

“We’ve seen Sunni tribes who are not only willing and prepared to fight ISIL, but have been successful at rebuffing ISIL,” Obama said by the U.S. govern-

Israel isn’t on UN list of parties that kill or injure kids

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s latest list of parties that kill or injure children in armed conflict does not include Israel—as some U.N. officials had recommended—but the U.N. chief strongly criticized Israel for the “unprecedented and unacceptable” scale of its violence against young people.

Ban said in a report circulated Monday that the thousands of Palestinian casualties raise “grave concerns” about Israel’s compliance with international law, including requirements that any military actions must distinguish between combatants and civilians, be proportional, and

avoid excessive use of force.

U.N. officials said the U.N. special envoy for children in armed conflict, Leila Zerrougui, had recommended that both Israel and Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, be placed on the list of parties that recruit, use, kill, maim or commit acts of sexual violence against children. But the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because the recommendation was not public, said there were differences of opinion among those on the ground on whether Israel should be listed—a key reason why it wasn’t and neither was Hamas.

Ban said in the annual report

to the U.N. Security Council and the General Assembly that 2014 saw a dramatic increase in violence against children in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict—at least 561 youngsters killed and 4,271 injured, almost all Palestinians and the vast majority during last summer’s war in Gaza. It cites 4 Israeli youngsters killed and 22 injured.

The annual list is significant because it names and shames governments and insurgent groups that violate children’s rights in conflicts. The Security Council resolution that established the list in August 2009 states the council’s intention “to take action”—including pos-

sible sanctions—against repeat violators of international laws protecting children in armed conflicts.

This year, the list includes groups in Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Colombia, Congo, Iraq, Mali, Myanmar, Nigeria, Philippines, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. Five government forces are also listed.

The secretary-general said that in the Israel-Palestine conflict as well as the Central African Republic, Iraq, Nigeria, South Sudan and Syria, “children were affected to a degree which is an affront to our common humanity.”

Cyprus’ rival leaders attend theatrical play to foster trust

LIMASSOL, Cyprus (AP)—The rival leaders of Cyprus attended a theatrical play on Monday that implores the divided island’s Greek- and Turkish-speaking communities to confront the wrongs of a tortured history to drive home their shared commitment for a reunification deal.

In an added touch of symbolism, Nicos Anastasiades, the 69-year-old president of the internationally-recognized Republic of Cyprus and the 67-year-old leader of the breakaway Turkish Cypriots, Mustafa Akinci, watched the play in their common hometown of Limassol, a bustling, cosmopol-

itan tourist resort on the island’s south coast.

It’s the first time opposing leaders in Cyprus have watched a play together in long-standing efforts to reunify the small, east Mediterranean island nation, split along ethnic lines in 1974 when Turkey invaded in the wake of a coup by supporters of union with Greece.

“On this island, we committed mistakes, both Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots,” Akinci said after the play. “The point is to derive lessons from these past mistakes and build a better future for younger generations.”

Akinci said Anastasiades would reciprocate a visit to the

breakaway north to attend a similar event.

Anastasiades said he would ask his education minister to perform the play in all Greek Cypriot schools in order to convey the message that mistakes were made on both sides from the time the island gained independence from British colonial rule 55 years ago.

“We will work tirelessly with my dearest friend Mustafa to bring peace, to give a chance to younger generations to live in peace and prosperity,” Anastasiades said.

Anastasiades greeted Akinci on the steps of the historic Rialto Theater with some onlookers

clapping their approval.

“I want a solution and this is a step forward, things can’t stand still and without bold steps forward you regress,” said 53-year-old Lefki Antoniou, a bystander who was among the crowd to cheer the two leaders on as they arrived at the theater.

The play by Turkish Cypriot poet Faize Ozdemirciler is an unbiased lamentation and a lashing out at Cypriots’ collective suffering—and responsibility—for managing to drive a wedge between both sides, said University of Cyprus Turkish studies professor Niazi Kizilayurek who helped translate the work from Turkish to Greek. “There have already been two

earthquakes after this earthquake ... I don’t think there is any particular cause for concern.”

In Washington, the highest-ranking Sunni in Iraq’s government said Sunni tribes are still receiving insufficient training and inferior weapons compared to the national army. Parliament Speaker Salim al-Jabouri put the onus for fixing that on Baghdad, saying it should provide clear assurances that the tribes will receive the necessary weapons.

“Guarantees create confidence, and we need confidence,” al-Jabouri told a small group of reporters, speaking through an interpreter.

An early opponent of Bush’s war in Iraq, Obama withdrew U.S. forces in late 2011 and has vowed that he won’t send Americans back into combat there. The U.S., along with coalition partners, is launching airstrikes in both Iraq and Syria, but is banking on local ground forces to supplement that effort.

A six-week U.S. combat training course instructs Iraqi forces in how to shoot, communicate and move about on the battlefield. They are also given individual military equipment.

Col. Steve Warren, Pentagon spokesman, told reporters Monday that the U.S. wants to be able to increase the number of Iraqi troops being trained, but to do that the Iraq government has to increase the number of troops it provides. As of June 4, the U.S. had trained 8,920 Iraqi troops at the four sites, and 2,601 more are undergoing training, Warren said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Strong quake rattles Greek capital

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—A magnitude-5.2 earthquake rattled Greece’s capital early Tuesday, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The Geodynamic Institute in Athens said the quake occurred at 4:09 a.m. (0109 GMT) Tuesday in the Gulf of Northern Evia, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of Athens—in a narrow strip of sea between the island of Evia and mainland Greece. Greece’s Civil Protection Agency said police in the city of Halkida, near the quake’s epicenter, and elsewhere in the surrounding region, reported no damage. Earthquakes are common in Greece and neighboring Turkey. “It was an earthquake that occurred quite near the surface and was felt quite intensely in Athens—from an area where quakes are fairly common but rarely stronger than today’s event,” said seismologist Efthimios Lekkas, director of the state-run Earthquake Planning and Protection Organization. “There have already been two

aftershocks after this earthquake ... I don’t think there is any particular cause for concern.”

UN presents Libyans with latest draft proposal for unity

SKHIRAT, Morocco (AP)—The U.N. representative to Libya reconvened delegations from Libya’s rival governments on Monday to present the latest draft proposal for a unity government that is increasingly being presented as the war-torn country’s last chance for stability. After warning last week that the country was running out of money and risked ceasing to be a functional state, Bernardino Leon urged the Libyans to approve the fourth version of the draft proposal in a ceremony in Morocco. “Today the people of Libya have their eyes on this gathering, on you, in the hope that you’ll save your country and your people from protracted conflict,” he said. “I am full of hope that this draft represents a fair and reasonable way forward.”

Focus

Broader probes of campus sex assaults leave victims hanging

By JULIET LINDERMAN

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olivia Ortiz was elated when the U.S. Department of Education contacted her in June of 2013 to tell her it was opening an investigation into her complaint that the University of Chicago had mishandled her sexual assault case.

A junior at the time, she had run out of options on campus after a dean decided against an investigation and instead recommended an informal mediation between her and a student she said had assaulted her in the spring of her freshman year.

Finally, Ortiz said, she felt someone was on her side.

Two years later, Ortiz is still waiting. The reason: a burgeoning backlog at the education department that advocates say is leaving victims to languish longer without resolution, and could discourage others from coming forward at all.

"I definitely appreciate the Department of Education taking their time," said Ortiz, who has since left campus and moved back in with her parents in Arizona, citing anxiety about continuing her studies in an environment where she felt unsafe.

"But for me, I just wanted some immediate relief. I feel like sometimes there's no light at the end of the tunnel."

College students who believe their schools mishandled their allegations of sexual assault have increasingly opted to use the federal gender discrimination statute known as Title IX to press the institutions for stronger action.

Last May, the department made public a list of 55 schools under investigation for Title IX complaints stemming from sexual violence, a figure that has more than doubled. As of June 3, the agency had 129 open sexual assault cases at 116 schools across the country. Those complaints are not criminal cases, but if a university is found to be in violation of Title IX, it risks losing federal funding, a massive piece of most schools' budgets.

At the same time, the department has altered its approach to investigating such complaints. Instead of assessing them as isolated cases, the agency now sees each one as an opportunity for a broader assessment of a school's overall compliance.

Advocates praise the department's commitment to evaluating the culture of each college under investigation. But the spike in complaints and the broader scope of the responses have swamped the department's investigators. Groups that support victims worry that the lengthy reviews, which may bring improvements to the universities in question, wind up stranding the people filing the complaints.

The long wait for a resolution also extends the anguish for anyone wrongfully accused. And it frustrates schools as they seek vindication of their efforts to make campuses safer.

Even before the department adopted its more comprehensive approach, Title IX investigations could take years. Part of that lengthy timeline has to do with a lack of funding and, more specifically, staffing.



In this April 2015 photo, sexual assault victim Emily Kollaritsch poses for a photo with her service dog, Candy, in East Lansing, Mich.

Law School that was closed after the school was found to be in violation of Title IX in December of 2014. She said her clients often graduate before their cases are resolved.

"They could have been correct, that their rights were violated, but because no repair work was done during my clients' time on campus, there was no effective remedy," Murphy said. "You can't fix someone's hostile educational environment if they've graduated by the time you announce there was a violation."

Emily Kollaritsch, now 21, is a recent graduate of Michigan State University, which has been under investigation since 2011.

Kollaritsch said she was assaulted by a fellow student during her freshman year, and school officials ultimately held him responsible. But the administrative review took 285 days, she said, and the student was not even suspended.

Instead, he was placed on probation and made to write an essay about changing his behavior, and had his on-campus movements restricted, according to a copy of a disciplinary letter that Kollaritsch provided to the AP.

The AP generally does not identify victims of sexual assault, but Ortiz and Kollaritsch have come forward to help draw attention to the problem.

After the university closed her case, Kollaritsch filed a complaint with the Department of Education in October of 2013. In February of last year, the department opened an investigation.

That's when school administrators began antagonizing her, Kollaritsch said, by questioning whether her case was serious enough to warrant a Title IX complaint. It got so bad, she said, that she took a semester off and returned with a service dog to help manage her stress.

"Just driving to campus I'd have panic attacks," Kollaritsch said. "Every day thinking, how am I going to survive this? That shouldn't be what your college years are about."

Jason Cody, an MSU spokesman, said there are resources in place for sexual assault victims on campus, and said the administration encourages students to reach out to federal officials if they feel it is necessary.

"We have systems in place to handle these cases, but if someone feels they aren't getting the support they need, we would support them" going to the Department of Education, Cody said. "There is no retaliation. We support those victims."

Ortiz, the Chicago student, says she wished federal officials had done more. While she hopes to return to school in the fall, she said her academic career hangs in the balance while she waits for her complaint to be resolved.

Several messages left for the University of Chicago's Title IX coordinator were not returned.

"I thought this would be a way to hold my school accountable and make it better," Ortiz said. "But it's heartbreaking to see my classmates graduate. I've had to turn my entire life around for this, move back to my hometown and in with my parents. I didn't sign up for a several years-long battle."

In 2014, the education department's Office of Civil Rights received more than 10,000 complaints, including those under Title IX, a broad law that bans gender-based discrimination in federally funded programs. Less than 10 percent of those complaints related to sexual assault, but the same office had to field all 10,000.

There is no special unit to handle sexual assault complaints despite their sensitive nature, and investigators juggle dozens of cases at once dealing with all aspects of gender discrimination.

Today, the department is opening more sexual assault investigations than it is closing, with some still pending after four years.

In his 2016 budget, President Barack Obama proposed a 31 percent increase for the Office of Civil Rights, which would allow it to add 210 full-time staff members to its roster of 544.

"Do we need more people? Abso-

lutely," Catherine Lhamon, assistant secretary of the Office of Civil Rights, recently told The Associated Press. "My staff are carrying 20-25 cases a person on average at any given time, that's a very, very burdensome caseload. I'd like to see more people to move these cases, because I think that's what the scope of civil rights demands."

When she was appointed in 2013, Lhamon decided that instead of focusing on the specific incident that spurred a particular complaint, investigators should solicit as much information as possible from a school to identify any patterns.

"We are more systemic in the way we evaluate because I think that's the way to get at civil rights compliance more effectively," Lhamon said. "Sometimes a complaint says, 'I went to my school, it didn't handle it well, I think that's a Title IX violation.' We can tell what happened about that complaint, but it's

better to look at the school's policies, and other case files, to see if what happened to that student is an aberration."

Some advocates say expanding the scope of investigations has serious ramifications for those waiting for their complaints to be resolved.

"Now, OCR will look at everything, from soup to nuts. That's a great thing, but it's terrible for victims," said Colby Bruno, senior legal counsel at Victim Rights Law Center, a nonprofit that offers services to sexual assault victims.

"The problem with OCR right now is that it utterly fails to provide remedies to individual victims. If you can't provide a remedy for a complaint, you're going to lose complainants. Now it's, 'Thanks for the complaint, we'll see you in four years while we do a compliance review.'"

Wendy Murphy, an attorney and adjunct professor of sexual violence law, filed a 2010 complaint against Harvard

Good Housekeeping

Dryer vent cleaning prevents fires, improves efficiency

By BRENT GLASGOW

ANGIE'S LIST

What you can't see can hurt your wallet, or worse.

Some of the biggest threats and money sieves at home are things you can't see, like your clothes dryer vent.

The easily neglected piping, which in larger homes can exceed 40 feet, often goes ignored for years, sometimes decades. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, that inattention causes more than 15,000 fires annually.

"A lot of people don't understand how bad the problem can be," says Scott Smedstad, owner of Arizona Air Duct Cleaning in suburban Phoenix. "A lot have never had it done."

According to Glen Mayfield, owner of Dryer Vent Wizard of Central Indiana, if your dryer



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Lint buildup will make your dryer work overtime, and increase the chance of fire.

takes more than 40 minutes for a load, feels hot to the touch while running or collects large amounts of lint during operation, you're probably ready for a cleaning.

If you want to clean your dryer vent on your own, there's equipment available, including brush kits that cost anywhere from \$15 to over \$50 based on length and quality.

Both Smedstad and Mayfield say results vary.

"Many do it successfully, but (the brushes) can break or disengage, so you have to be careful to make sure it works properly and it doesn't get stuck," Mayfield says. "I've retrieved a lot of them."

Smedstad has also seen good intentions go bad.

"Rarely is someone going to have enough or the right equipment to do it on their own," Smedstad says.

The longer the ventilation pipe, and the more bends and buildup it has, the more difficult the job. Professionals like Smedstad and Mayfield use a sturdy snake or power brush to release clogs, along with a strong vacuum to remove the impediments.

Along with substandard brushes, Mayfield and Smedstad shudder at another do-it-yourself tactic: using a leaf blower to clear the vent from the inside.

"You can do that if it's thoroughly cleaned first, but most people blow it and plug it up 10 times worse," Smedstad says.

Concrete paver driveways sometimes cost up to \$14,500, while clay brick driveways can reach \$28,000, according to costhelper.com.

Both require little to no upkeep, though concrete pavers require sealing every five to seven years, Calistro says. If the base was properly installed, they should last for decades, he adds.

"Pavers should outlast all asphalt and concrete," Calistro says. "It gives you better resale value for your house than asphalt or concrete."

Classing up the basics

Homeowners also can add decorative elements to concrete and asphalt driveways. One common option involves stamping a pattern into the materials, creating a faux paver. But adding a single decorative element can add thousands to the price.

Choosing a type of driveway depends on the homeowner's needs and tastes, Leggett says, admitting he's a little bit biased.

"I love the smooth dark look of asphalt, but it is certainly true that stamped and colored concrete has real beauty, as do interlocking pavers," he says. "It is good to have choices!"

"Sometimes it's packed in so bad people have to cut the ceiling out to take the pipe apart. It isn't a real good idea."

Mayfield agrees.

"Lint is moist, and a blower can't clean it out," he says. "It's like a snowball, and the more it rolls the bigger it gets."

Lint isn't the only enemy, as birds are a common infiltrator. Entering from the outside, they love building nests in the closed, warm space.

"They're a huge problem," Mayfield says. "Sometimes they'll peck the vent cover until they can get it open, and they can get in even if it's in good shape. We've found them six and eight feet deep into the vent."

How much does dryer vent cleaning cost?

Smedstad's average dryer vent cleaning costs around \$95, while Mayfield charges \$125 to \$175, depending on the job.

The service saves customers money both short- and long-term. Mayfield cites industry studies that say clogged vents can add \$18 to \$25 to your monthly energy bill. Also, since clogged vents render dryers ineffective, it isn't uncommon for a homeowner to scrap a unit because they think it's shot.

"They'll go out and buy a new one, have the same problem and then call us," Mayfield says. "Then they'll say, 'Oh, my gosh, I got a new one and didn't even need it.'"

COMFORT FOOD

Blueberry-Lemon Tiramisu

lemon peel.

4. In medium bowl, stir together nonfat yogurt and remaining 1/4 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, and 1/2 teaspoon lemon peel.

1-2 lemons
3 3/4 cups blueberries
3/4 cup sugar
4 tablespoons water
1 container (17.6-ounce) nonfat Greek yogurt
1 package (3-ounce) ladyfingers
Mint sprig for garnish

1. From lemon(s), grate 1 1/2 teaspoons peel and squeeze 1/4 cup juice.

2. In medium saucepan, combine 1 1/2 cups blueberries, 1/4 cup sugar and 1 tablespoon water. Heat on medium 5 minutes, or until blueberries soften and juices thicken, stirring occasionally. Transfer to medium bowl and stir in 1 1/2 cups blueberries. Set aside.

3. Prepare lemon syrup: In microwave-safe small bowl, combine 1/4 cup sugar and remaining 3 tablespoons water. Cook in microwave on High 1 minute. Stir in 3 tablespoons lemon juice and 1 teaspoon

TIP: We tested this recipe with both soft and hard (Italian-style) ladyfingers (sometimes called Savoiardi) and had good results with both types. For the best texture, let the tiramisu sit in the refrigerator overnight.

■ Each serving: About 165 calories, 1g total fat (0g saturated), 23mg cholesterol, 90mg sodium, 34g carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 7g protein.

How much does it cost to pave a driveway?

By JAMES FIGY

ANGIE'S LIST

Make a great first impression on visitors to your home with an aesthetically pleasing driveway.

The materials you select to pave your driveway affect the job's price. The materials used also affect your home's curb appeal and resale value.



BELGARD HARDSCAPES
This hardscape project, located in California, was completed with materials manufactured by Sierra Building Products.

Check out how these popular driveway options differ to ensure you're making the best choice.

Asphalt

Contractors consider asphalt one of the cheapest options. Paving an asphalt driveway ranges from \$2,300 to \$10,300, according to costhelper.com, and Angie's List members nationally reported an average price of \$5,308 to pave an asphalt driveway.

"Asphalt is certainly less expensive than concrete, but it is also smoother because it does not have joints or gaps," says Scot Leggett, owner of Leggett Asphalt in Tualatin, Ore. "Asphalt is stronger than an equal depth of

concrete, and much stronger than concrete that is not fortified with rebar or wire mesh."

If homeowners reseal the asphalt driveway every three years, it will last about 20 years, according to the National Asphalt Pavement Association.

Asphalt should be 3 inches thick when used over gravel for new driveways, and 2 inches

port regular vehicles and at least 5 inches thick for heavier trucks, according to the American Concrete Pavement Association.

Concrete driveways cost more, starting around \$3,500, according to costhelper.com. Angie's List members nationally reported an average price of \$7,394 to pave a concrete driveway.

However, some differences exist. Clay pavers feature a deeper, more vibrant color than concrete pavers, Calistro says. Clay pavers sometimes cost twice as much, and unlike concrete pavers, they only come in one shape, he adds.

Concrete paver driveways sometimes cost up to \$14,500, while clay brick driveways can reach \$28,000, according to costhelper.com.

Both require little to no upkeep, though concrete pavers require sealing every five to seven years, Calistro says. If the base was properly installed, they should last for decades, he adds.

"Pavers should outlast all asphalt and concrete," Calistro says. "It gives you better resale value for your house than asphalt or concrete."

Classing up the basics

Homeowners also can add decorative elements to concrete and asphalt driveways. One common option involves stamping a pattern into the materials, creating a faux paver. But adding a single decorative element can add thousands to the price.

Choosing a type of driveway depends on the homeowner's needs and tastes, Leggett says, admitting he's a little bit biased.

"I love the smooth dark look of asphalt, but it is certainly true that stamped and colored concrete has real beauty, as do interlocking pavers," he says. "It is good to have choices!"

Concrete

If properly maintained, a concrete driveway can last for about 30 years and continue to cure and harden, says Priscilliano Anaya, president of Anaya Concrete in Denver. "Concrete that's eight years old is much stronger than concrete that's two years old," he says.

Concrete driveways should be at least 4 inches thick to sup-

port regular vehicles and at least 5 inches thick for heavier trucks, according to the American Concrete Pavement Association.

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Both clay and concrete pavers feature impressive strength,

Life & Style

Journalists killed in 2014 remembered by Newseum

WASHINGTON (AP)—John Foley appreciates the fact that his son James, the American journalist beheaded in Syria by the Islamic State group last year, has been honored on a memorial to journalists who lost their lives while reporting the news.

"Worse than dying or being murdered is being forgotten," the elder Foley told a somber audience at the Newseum on Monday, during the annual rededication of its memorial.

James Foley, 40, is listed on a towering wall of glass panels featuring 2,271 names of those who have died since 1837. Adjacent to that is a wall of cor-

responding pictures, situated above the latest additions from 2014. The 14 names added this year represent more than 60 journalists who died reporting the news in 2014.

According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, 17 journalists were killed in Syria last year, making it the deadliest place in the world for journalists for the third consecutive year. The wall doesn't include the deaths from the Charlie Hebdo attack in January, although France is the deadliest in 2015 thus far.

Also added to the memorial Monday was Ronald Statzer, who fell to his death in 1982 while working on a story about

hang gliding. Statzer's death was brought to the Newseum's attention last year.

Two Associated Press journalists, video journalist Simone Camilli and photographer Anja Niedringhaus, were among those honored Monday. Camilli, 35, died in an explosion while on assignment in the Gaza Strip. Niedringhaus, 48, was shot and killed at a security checkpoint in Afghanistan by a police commander who approached her car and opened fire with his AK-47.

AP correspondent Kathy Gannon was severely wounded in the attack that killed Niedringhaus. They were cov-

ering preparations for Afghanistan's presidential elections. Gannon spoke at the memorial about what drives journalists to put their lives in peril in the quest for news.

"What brings us to countries so far from home is often a real desire to understand the world around us," Gannon said. "We are driven to know the people behind the stories we read and the pictures that we see."

Besides Camilli, Foley and Niedringhaus, the other journalists memorialized were:

■ Yusuf Ahmed Abukar, 27, killed by an explosive planted in his car in Somalia.

■ Muftah Bu Zeid, 59, from

Libya, fatally shot as he hand-delivered copies of his newspaper in Benghazi.

■ Michel du Cille, 58, a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, who suffered a heart attack while traveling to photograph Ebola victims in a remote part of Liberia.

■ Rubylita Garcia, 52, shot dead by two gunmen in her home in the Philippines.

■ Nils Horner, 51, shot in the head while on his way to conduct an interview in Afghanistan.

■ Camille Lepage, 26, killed in an ambush in the Central African Republic.

■ Irshad Mastoi, 34, killed when two gunmen burst into the

offices of the Online International News Network in Pakistan.

■ Pablo Medina, 53, killed in Paraguay while traveling through a region controlled by drug traffickers. His 19-year-old assistant, Antonia Almeda, also was killed.

■ Luke Somers, 33, fatally wounded during a Navy SEAL rescue attempt at the compound where he was being held in Yemen.

■ Steven Sotloff, 31, like Foley, held hostage in Syria and beheaded.

■ Vyacheslav Veremiy, 32, shot and killed when he stopped to film a group of armed masked men in Ukraine.

Kit Harington steps up his 'Game'

By BILL KEVENY

USA TODAY

A chilly night wind whips through a courtyard as Kit Harington poses for a photo, but it doesn't faze the man who plays *Game of Thrones'* Jon Snow. "I've had a lot worse," he says, referring to the frigid climes of Iceland and Northern Ireland that stand in for the fictional Westeros' frozen north in HBO's fifth-season fantasy drama (Sunday, 9 p.m. ET/PT). Figuratively speaking, the

London native has had the wind at his back thanks to his role as Jon, the bastard son of Ned Stark and brave Night's Watch guard at the towering ice wall.

A leading part in a worldwide phenomenon has helped Harington's career "immeasurably," he says, paving the way for film roles, including last year's *Pompeii* and the upcoming World War I drama *Testament of Youth* (June 5).



He also has been cast as the title character, a famous movie star, in the upcoming film *The Death and Life of John F. Donovan*. As far as handling the spotlight *Thrones* shines on its cast, Harington, 28, says, "If you think about it too much, you stop being you." His hometown helps him keep perspective: "London is incredibly unimpressed by everything."

On *Thrones*, Jon grew emo-

tional and as a leader last season, hardening as he endured the death of his love, Ygritte, while fending off a Wildling assault in the epic battle at Castle Black. Jon's heroism, along with the timely arrival of Iron Throne hopeful Stannis Baratheon (Stephen Dillane) and his army, saved Westeros' seven kingdoms from a disastrous invasion.

"Having gone through the loss of love, loss of family, seeing death, killing people, he understands what honor, duty and heroism mean," Harington says. "At the same time, he's more cynical than he's ever been. It's

like he (raised) his middle finger to Westeros and he's saying, 'I'm going to do it my way.'"

The young warrior's brave actions will lead to greater challenges, executive producers David Benioff and D.B. Weiss say.

"Jon was forced into a leadership role he did not ask for in Season 4. In Season 5, he has to reckon with the consequences and responsibilities of leadership. Jon shoulders a tremendous amount of story this year, and Kit was more than equal to the challenge in everything from quiet, two-person chamber pieces to serious action."

Some of that action will come

as Jon encounters foes north of the wall.

"There's a big sort of battle later in the season in Hardhome, a big action sequence," Harington says. "It's probably the most stuntmen we've ever used, (and it) took a month to film."

Besides protecting Westeros from northern threats, Jon must navigate a treacherous political realm.

"He's a natural leader, (but) he's up against a very astute politician in Stannis," Harington says. "He stands his ground, but he's a bit of a nervous wreck underneath, because this man is more calculating and more experienced."

Jon also must deal with Stannis' savvy lieutenant, Davos Seaworth (Liam Cunningham), and the enticing, supernaturally dangerous Melisandre (Carice van Houten).

"She's instantly fascinated by Jon Snow, and he doesn't like being around women. He's got a mother complex because he never had a mother growing up. I think he went to the wall to escape females completely," Harington says. Yet, Ygritte is barely gone "and another sexy redhead turns up."

She may sense something special about Jon, whose parentage is the stuff of many *Thrones* rumors. "There's a mystery about him," Harington acknowledges. And Jon, "who has the best of hearts," will face a difficult leadership choice that "is cold, but (needed) for the greater good. It changes him irreversibly."

Harington is having a great time on *Thrones*, regardless of what happens to his character (though in the end, "you want a good death," he says). The same can't be said for his unsmiling character, whose one moment of joy may have been his cave-pool tryst with wildling Ygritte.

"He doesn't see the bright side of life, and he doesn't have much to be happy about," Harington says. "He's not naturally a happy person."

Rising stars Vikander and Harington star in new period drama

NEW YORK (AP)—Look closely when watching the new WWI drama "Testament of Youth," starring Alicia Vikander and Kit Harington, and you might see an iPhone.

"There's an iPhone dropped in the mud. Watch out for that," Harington said in a recent interview.

"It was (director) James Kent's (phone)!" Vikander added.

The film, now playing in limited release, is based on the 1933 memoir by Vera Brittain. It follows Vikander as Vera, when the young men in her life, including her lover (played by Harington), go off to war. Vera puts aside her dreams of higher education to nurse wounded soldiers.

Harington, who also stars in HBO's "Game of Thrones" (airing Sundays at 9 p.m.

EDT), and Vikander say they were profoundly affected by the story.

Vikander recalls filming the nursing scenes where the extras were 25 amputees who had returned from serving in Afghanistan. "It was something I think I'm going to carry with me forever," she said.

Harington remembers lying in a trench under a rain tower for a battle scene where people

were "running up and giving me towels and hot beverages and I was moaning and being a wimpy actor. And then I thought, 'These poor men did this under gunfire for years and years,' and that struck home. How closeted our generation is."

Vikander and Harington talked about their work in recent interviews.

Associated Press: Had you met prior to making this film?

Harington: We met on a movie called 'Seventh Son,' which we filmed like three or four years ago, but didn't share a single scene in that. I popped my clogs before she even shows up, so we went out to dinner and became friends.

Vikander: When you know somebody at least a little it's such a big step forward because you already have kind of, well, trust between each other which is really what's needed for both (of you) to feel fine to make mistakes or try new things out and you know you kind of have a certain language of trying to communicate while working.

AP: Are you comfortable watching yourself on the screen?

Vikander: I have a harder time listening to myself than

looking at myself. I think it's because you're kind of used to seeing so many images of yourself today with photos and things. The first time (watching), you're always hard on yourself. I think most actors are. But also you have so many memories. I think of everything else, about the take or what happened that day. It's sometimes hard to engage and see the film as you hope an audience will see it.

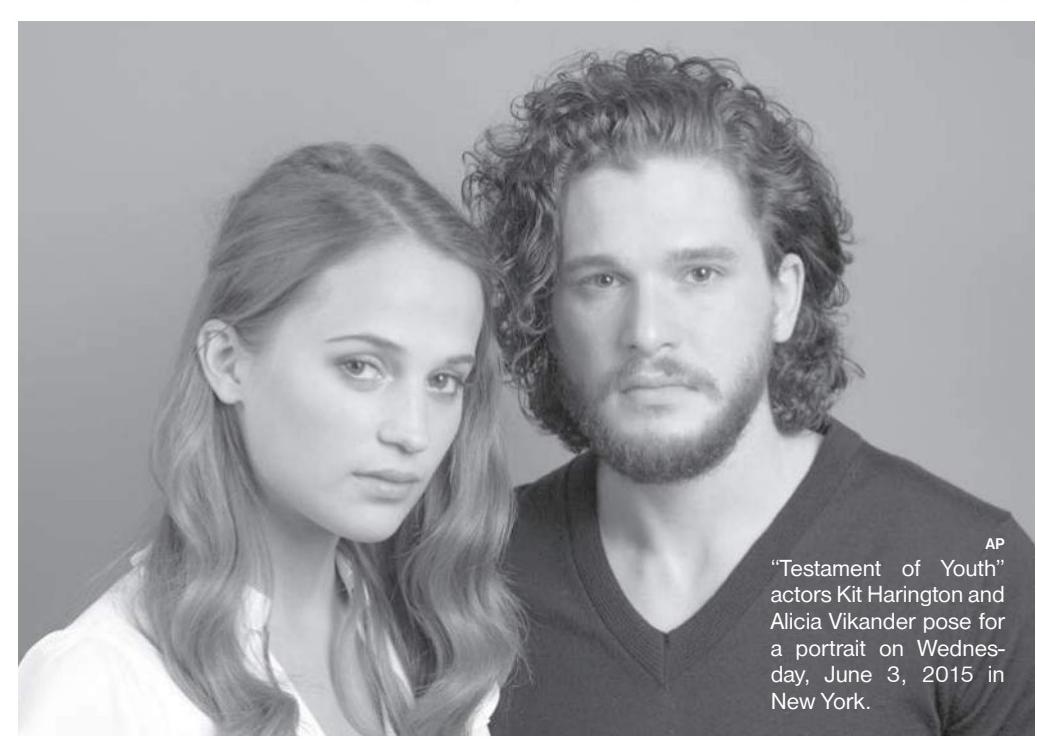
Harington: I think you get better the more you (see), but I think if you care about your work then you'll be picking it apart.

AP: Kit, the ninth episode of this season of "Game of Thrones" airs Sunday. That episode is typically a big one, where people are talking about it the next day. Will that happen this time?

Harington: (Laughs.) I can't tell you anything about it. Last week's (fight scene) was pretty intense, but next week and the week after it just goes nuts.

AP: What's it like having this global audience with "Game of Thrones"?

Harington: It's amazing. I don't think I'll ever be a part of something that has quite this reach. I think it's seen in most countries, so there's no escape. (Laughs.)



AP
"Testament of Youth" actors Kit Harington and Alicia Vikander pose for a portrait on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 in New York.

FIFA-financed movie nets only \$900 in limited US release

NEW YORK (AP)—The FIFA-financed movie “United Passions” made only about \$900 over the weekend, according to a person who has seen box-office data from the 10 theaters the film played in and was granted anonymity because he wasn’t authorized to release the figures.

Made for about \$30 million and largely bankrolled by FIFA to trumpet the soccer federation’s 111-year history, “United Passions” had no expectations of drawing crowds. But the minuscule result still was a striking repudiation of a high-priced FIFA puff piece starring Tim Roth as FIFA President Sepp Blatter, who announced last week that he will resign.

“United Passions” initially was released in a handful of European markets last summer, timed to the 2014 World Cup. Screen Media, which declined to report the film’s weekend grosses, acquired it for U.S. distribution, focusing on a video-on-demand and digital release. It paid low six-figures for the rights.

The film’s U.S. release was planned months before a Justice Department investigation alleged rampant corruption throughout FIFA and indicted 14



This image released by Screen Media Films shows Tim Roth as Sepp Blatter in a scene from “United Passions.”

simply “give people a chance to take a look at it.”

“United Passions” already was a huge write down for FIFA. After premiering last year at the Cannes Film Festival, it found theatrical release in only Russia, Portugal and Serbia. According to box-office data firm Rentrak, it made \$178,639 theatrically before opening in the U.S., most of that in Russia.

Snoop Dogg sues beer-maker Pabst over sale profits

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Snoop Dogg sued Pabst Brewing Co. on Monday, claiming the beer-maker owes him a portion of its proceeds from the company’s sale last year.

The breach-of-contract lawsuit seeks 10 percent of the net sales price paid to Pabst for its Colt 45 malt beer line, which was included in last year’s sale to beer entrepreneur Eugene Kashper and an investment firm.

Snoop Dogg signed a three-year agreement in 2011 to endorse Colt 45’s fruit-flavored beer called Blast by Colt 45. The lawsuit states his contract called for him to receive a portion of the sale price if Pabst sold its Colt 45 operations before January 2016.

His contract also called on the rapper to consult with Colt 45’s marketing team at least once a year on how he could integrate Blast by Colt 45 into his concerts, interviews and social media posts. Snoop Dogg received an upfront payment of \$250,000 and an additional \$20,000 for every 10th mention of the beer on social media, TV or during a concert.

The contract also called for the rapper to receive a royalty on each case of Blast by Colt 45 that was sold.

Pabst wrote in a statement that it had not been contacted by Snoop Dogg or his representatives about the proceeds and cited the company’s new management.

“We are investigating the matter and would be happy to talk to Snoop or his representatives to try to get to the bottom of this,” the statement said.

The lawsuit states Pabst told the rapper that the sale didn’t trigger the clause entitling him to sale proceeds.

The deal to sell Pabst to Kashper and San Francisco-based TSG Consumer Partners LLC was finalized in November. No purchase price was announced, but the lawsuit filed by the rapper’s attorney, Alex Weingarten, states Pabst was reportedly sold for \$700 million. It is unclear how much of the sale price was for the Colt 45 line of beers.

In addition to Colt 45 and its namesake beer, Pabst Brewing Co. makes Old Milwaukee and Schlitz.

Harper Lee misses induction into Ala. Writers Hall of Fame

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP)—“To Kill a Mockingbird” author Harper Lee missed her induction as an inaugural member of the Alabama Writers Hall of Fame on Monday just weeks before the release of her second book.

Organizers said the 89-year-old Lee couldn’t attend the event, held on the University of Alabama campus.

There was no other explanation for Lee’s absence, but she only rarely makes public appearances. The author is in

declining health and lives in an assisted-living home 150 miles away in the south Alabama town of Monroeville.

“We are so sorry she couldn’t make it,” said Jeanie Thompson, executive director of the Alabama Writer’s Forum, a sponsor of the event.

Lee and 11 other Alabama writers were honored as the hall’s first class. Relatives and friends filled two banquet tables set aside for Lee’s party, but organizers said members of

the writer’s family declined to speak to reporters.

Lee’s second book, “Go Set a Watchman,” is being released in July. It was written before the Pulitzer Prize-winning “Mockingbird” but takes place 20 years later.

Lee’s agreement to release the book stunned the literary world. “Watchman,” set for release July 14, has been



ranked No. 1 in new releases on Amazon.com for weeks.

Five of the inductees are still living. Aside from Lee they include Pulitzer Prize winner and best-selling author Rick Bragg; poets Sonia Sanchez and Andrew Glaze; and novelist Sena Jeter Naslund.

Bragg, the past winner of an award named for Lee, said he was honored to be includ-

ed in the group.

“I’m in pretty high cotton,” said Bragg.

The seven posthumous inductees include antebellum humorist Johnson Jones Hooper; 19th century novelist Augusta Jane Evans Wilson; writer and activist Helen Keller; Harlem Renaissance writer Zora Neale Hurston; novelist and short-story writer William March; critic and novelist Albert Murray; and Helen Norris Bell, a playwright, poet and novelist.

B.B. King estate fight looms for family group, longtime aide

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Just days after blues legend B.B. King was laid to rest near his birthplace in the Mississippi Delta, a battle over his estate is moving from the headlines to the courthouse in Las Vegas.

Attorneys for King’s designated executor, LaVerne Toney, have filed documents in a Nevada court to fend off allegations that King family members were kept away in his dying days, that he was mistreated medically and that his money was siphoned off before he died May 14 at his Las Vegas home at age 89.

“We’re asking the probate commissioner to approve (Toney) as executor and personal representative of the estate,” attorney Brent Bryson said Monday.

“The spurious and unjustified allegations made against Ms. Toney by Patty King, Karen Williams and Larissa Drohobyczewski will be dealt with at a later time,” he added.

Among King’s 11 surviving adult children, Williams and Patty King have been most outspoken about the music icon’s care in his final days. Through their attorney, Drohobyczewski, they accused Toney and B.B. King’s personal assistant, Myron Johnson, of poisoning him to hasten his death.

Toney and Johnson denied the claims, and Bryson dismissed them as ridiculous, defamatory and libelous.

But the allegation prompted an autopsy by the Clark County coroner the day after a King memorial at a Las Vegas funeral chapel. Results of toxicology tests are expected in several weeks. Police said there was no active homicide investigation.

King was buried May 30 at the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center in Indianola, Mississippi.

Toney, who managed King’s road show business for 39 years

and had power-of-attorney over his personal affairs, is the executor named in his will. She declined on Monday to comment. A King daughter, Riletta Mitchell, was second in line, but she died last September.

Bryson said Monday the value of King’s estate was being tallied, but wasn’t expected to amount to the tens of millions of dollars suggested during Williams’ failed court bid to wrest guardianship from Toney a month ago.

One court document filed April 29 said one King bank account was believed to have had \$5 million in May 2014, and his home was valued at \$330,000. It said family members were unable to obtain updated figures or determine the value of King’s road show business or the rights and royalties from his music.

Drohobyczewski has said she represents at least five of King’s children who refer to themselves

as a family board. She said Monday she’ll file papers this week challenging Toney as executor, and didn’t want to comment before documents are filed.

Three daughters—Williams and Patty King, both of North Las Vegas, and Barbara King Winfree of Houston—declined to comment Monday about the upcoming probate hearing.

They’ve said previously that they want Toney out of the picture.

“We are the King family,” Patty King said. “We are fighting for the King estate.”

Son Willie King of Chicago didn’t immediately respond to messages.

Daughter Rita Washington, the fifth family board member, denied the fight to remove Toney is about money. She accused Toney of misleading family members about King’s finances and blocking them from visiting when King was dying.

“Dad died by himself,” Washington said. “If it was his wish not to let us see him in that condition, she still could have allowed us to visit him.”

In documents filed late Friday, Bryson provided an affidavit from one granddaughter who visited King the day before he died, and sworn testimonials from three doctors saying King was properly cared-for before he died in his sleep.

“Mr. King was able to smile, eat, laugh and watch westerns on television up until the time he fell asleep on May 13, 2015,” the court document said. It noted he never awoke.

King’s personal physician, Dr. Darin Brimhall, said drops that King’s daughters said they saw being administered to King in recent months were atropine, a drug commonly administered to people in hospice care to prevent respiratory congestion and difficulty swallowing.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS**'Real Housewives' star Oks deal on court judgment**

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—Imprisoned "Real Housewives of New Jersey" star Teresa Giudice will give the federal government a 2005 Maserati and 25 percent of any money she gets from the Bravo network to help satisfy a court judgment against her and her husband. The government also will get half the rent from a home in Lincoln Park and the furnishings of the couple's home in Montville, according to consent orders filed Friday by the U.S. Attorney's Office. The money and property will go toward a \$415,589 judgment imposed after the couple pleaded guilty last year to federal fraud charges for concealing income and lying during bankruptcy proceedings. Giudice is serving a 15-month prison sentence at a prison camp facility in Danbury, Connecticut. Once she's released, her husband will start serving his 41-month sentence.

'The Game' rapper surrenders to Los Angeles police

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A rapper known by "The Game" has been arrested in connection with a violent incident involving an off-duty police officer at a pickup basketball game in March. Los Angeles police Officer Mike Lopez says 35-year-old Jayceon Terrell Taylor surrendered at the department's Hollywood Division at noon Monday. Taylor allegedly threw a punch at the officer, and the incident was caught on video and posted online. Lopez says Taylor was booked on suspicion of making criminal threats. He posted \$50,000 bail about an hour later.

Kobe Bryant to offer Game 3 analysis for livestream in China

CLEVELAND (AP)—Kobe Bryant, who has won five

NBA championships, will be part of Sina's pregame and postgame livestream of Game 3 of the NBA Finals in China. The Lakers superstar will provide analysis before and after Tuesday night's game, joining host Huang Shuo remotely from Los Angeles. Bryant remains one of the most popular players in Asia and played for the U.S. Olympic team in the Beijing Games in 2008. He first traveled to China for a clinic in 1998 and has returned nearly every year since. He has almost 3.5 million followers on Weibo, a social media site, and posted Monday that he would be talking about the game and making an announcement about what's coming this summer. Sina is an online media community serving China and Chinese communities.

Disclaimer to be added to popular 'Primates of Park Avenue'

NEW YORK (AP)—The publisher of a popular inside take on Park Avenue life called "Primates of Park Avenue" is responding to factual questions raised about it and says an author's note will be included in the e-book and future print editions saying some details were altered because of privacy concerns. Simon & Schuster spokesman Cary Goldstein on Monday blamed an "oversight" for the initial absence of such a disclaimer, common in memoirs. The decision follows a New York Post report alleging several inaccuracies, including the number of years author Wednesday Martin lived on Park Avenue. Martin's book was released last week. It attracted immediate attention by alleging some spouses received "wife bonuses" from their husbands for household management. Many critics have doubted the bonuses exist, but the Post tracked down an engineer's wife who confirmed getting annual payments.

Daughter with absent father needs to be told the truth

DEAR ABBY: Several months after I had my first daughter from a six-year relationship that ended sadly, I started flirting with a married man. (I realize now that I was still heartbroken and trying desperately to forget my ex.) The flirtation turned into a full-blown affair that resulted in another child. Her father isn't in the picture because the now-ex-wife (who still lives with him) forbids him from having any contact whatsoever with our daughter.

I admit I have lied by telling my little girl that her daddy is a workaholic, and that's the reason he doesn't see her when she asks about him. She is now 4. How or when do I tell her the truth? Would counseling help?

ON THE SPOT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ON THE SPOT: You didn't mention whether your former lover is contributing financially to the support of his daughter, but if he isn't, please make sure he does. An attorney can help, and so can the child-support agency in your state.

And yes, it would also be a good idea to discuss this with a counselor to help you communicate to your daughter, in a way that's age-appropriate and won't damage her self-esteem, that Daddy won't be in the picture. It's important she knows she can trust her

Lady Gaga, Tony Bennett perform at Prince Harry charity fest

LONDON (AP)—Hundreds gathered outside Britain's Royal Albert Hall on Monday, hoping for a glimpse of Lady Gaga, Tony Bennett—and another notable personality, Prince Harry.

The pop stars came to support a charity backed by Harry that helps seriously ill British children receive quality medical care. Bennett and Lady Gaga, who collaborated on the jazz album "Cheek To Cheek," lavished praise on the prince.

"Your mum was a good friend of mine," Bennett said of Harry's late mother, Princess Diana. "I did many benefits with her."

"That's fantastic," Harry replied.

Harry, patron of the Well-Child charity, hosted a reception for its supporters and for nurses and families. They were given seats in the Royal Box for the performance.

Harry, who is winding down



AP
Britain's Prince Harry, left, meets with Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett, right, as they attend a Well Child Charity concert at the Royal Albert Hall in London, Monday June 8, 2015.

a decade-long military career, will be devoting more time and energy to his charitable activi-

ties. The royal, who is fifth in line to the throne, plans to spend the summer working with ani-

mal conservation groups in Africa, which he has described as a long-held dream.

'Lethal Weapon' actress Mary Ellen Trainor dies at 62

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Character actress and philanthropist Mary Ellen Trainor, who appeared in "The Goonies" and "Lethal Weapon" films, has died.

Lucasfilm President Kathleen

Kennedy confirmed on Monday that Trainor, a longtime friend, passed away at home in Montecito, California, on May 20. She was 62.

Trainor got her start in the film business as a producer's assistant on a number of mov-

ies including the 1979 Steven Spielberg film "1941," which her eventual husband, director Robert Zemeckis, wrote. After the couple married in 1980, Zemeckis cast Trainor in her first film, "Romancing the

George RR Martin overseeing 'Game of Thrones' coloring book

NEW YORK (AP)—George R.R. Martin is joining the adult coloring book game.

Bantam announced Monday that Martin will be overseeing the release of the "Game of Thrones Coloring Book," featuring 45 new black and white illustrations by leading fantasy

illustrators that are inspired by his "A Song of Ice and Fire" novels.

The book is scheduled for release this fall and represents another interim project from Martin as his millions of fans await the next installment of his series. Last year, Martin col-

laborated on "The World of Ice and Fire: The Untold History of Westeros and the Game of Thrones," an illustrated guide.

Adult coloring books have been one of this year's hottest genres, led by Johanna Basford's "Enchanted Forest" and "Secret Garden."

Poet Claudia Rankine, author Jack Living win PEN prizes

NEW YORK (AP)—Poet Claudia Rankine has won another award, this time from PEN, while debut author Jack Living received a \$25,000 prize from the literary and human rights organization.

The PEN American Center announced Monday night that Living had won the PEN/Rob-

ert W. Bingham Prize for Debut Fiction for "The Dog," a collection of stories set in China. Rankine received the PEN Open Book Award and \$5,000 for "Citizen: An American Lyric," which previously won the National Book Critics Circle prize for poetry.

Also Monday, Ian Buruma

won the \$10,000 PEN/Diamondstein-Spielvogel Award for essay writing for "Theater of Cruelty." The PEN/Fusion Emerging Writers Prize, also worth \$10,000, was given to Adriana E. Ramirez for "Dead Boys," an unpublished work about violence along the U.S.-Latin America border.

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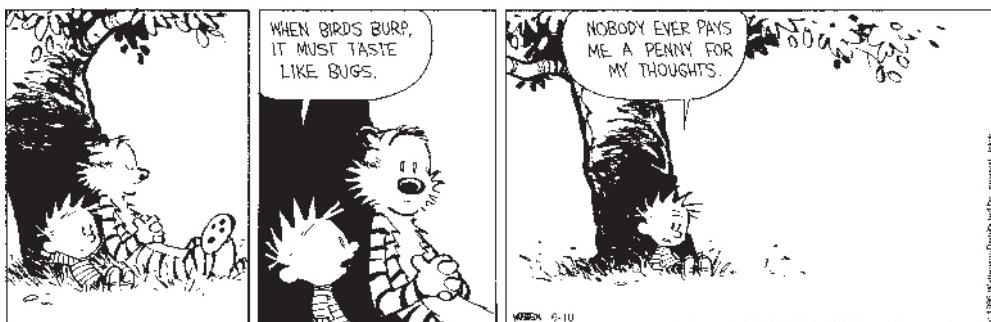
DEAR STARTING TO WONDER: Only your husband can answer that question. However, part of a husband's duties to his wife is to make her feel "honored and cherished," and if that isn't happening, your remarriage is in trouble. Marriage counseling (possibly within the church) might help you to reconnect with each other, and I strongly recommend it. Unless you find out why you're unhappy and fix it, this marriage will not last.

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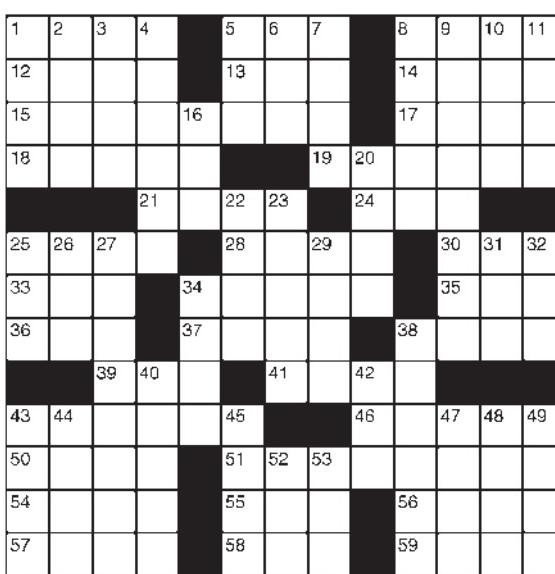
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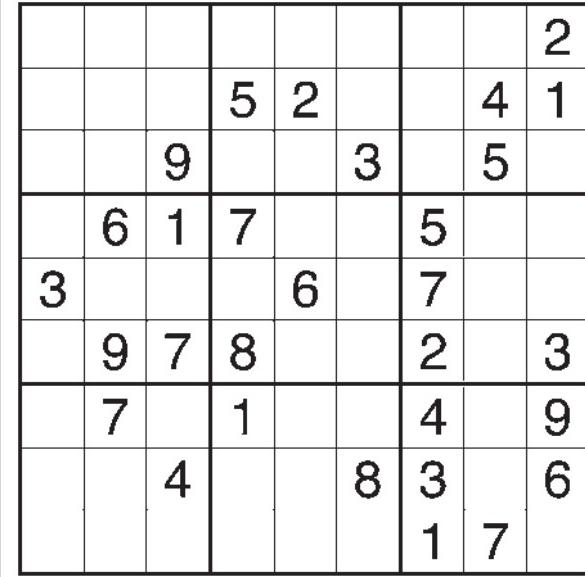
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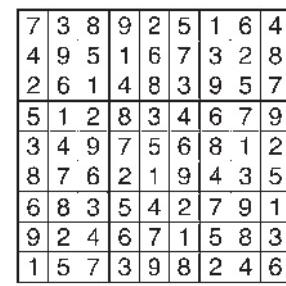
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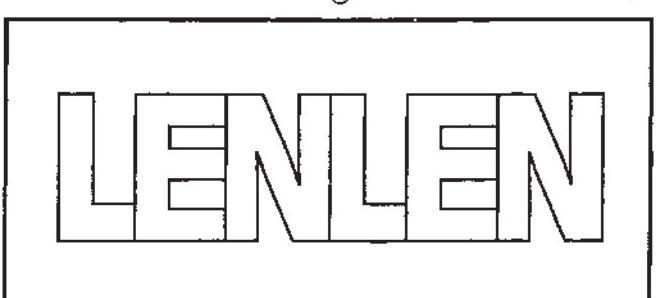
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Rapinoe scores twice as US beats Australia 3-1 in opener

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)—For her second goal of the night against Australia, U.S. midfielder Megan Rapinoe channeled Lionel Messi.

Rapinoe dribbled the ball before her long, low shot breezed past diving Matildas goalkeeper Melissa Barbieri.

"I was doing my best Messi impression," Rapinoe laughed, before adding: "A much slower version."

Rapinoe's two goals gave the United States a 3-1 victory over Australia on Monday night in the Americans' opener at a Women's World Cup that began with both FIFA and the U.S. team facing controversy.

Christen Press also scored for the second-ranked U.S., which is seeking its third World Cup title and first since 1999. And embattled goalkeeper Hope Solo saved four shots on goal, including a pair in the first 15 minutes by the hard-charging Matildas.

Lisa De Vanna had tied the score midway through the first half for No. 10 Australia, which kept the United States at bay for the opening hour.

"A little bit choppy. I think you could tell we were a little bit nervous," Rapinoe said. "But we settled in a bit and we were able to get some goals. Three points, that's most important, especially in this group that's shaping up a little weird."

The field has expanded from 16 teams to 24 this year, and

the Americans' next match in difficult Group D will be Friday against fifth-ranked Sweden and former U.S. coach Pia Sundhage. They finish group play on June 16 against Nigeria, which played to a physical and somewhat surprising 3-3 tie with Sweden in the opener of Monday's doubleheader.

U.S. star forward Alex Morgan, sidelined by a bone bruise in her left knee, entered in the 79th minute in her first game action since April 11 with her Portland club.

"I felt really good. I had no pain whatsoever," Morgan said. "Obviously, I was running down balls a lot and trying to keep possession, making sure we kept the 3-1 lead. I felt good, and I'm looking forward to getting more time, hopefully next time."

Rapinoe scored in the 12th minute for the Americans, Press put the U.S. ahead for good in the 61st, and Rapinoe added her 31st international goal in the 78th, the first two-goal game at the World Cup for the U.S. since Abby Wambach against Norway in 2007.

The Americans, who won the title in 1991 and '99, improved to 5-0-2 in World Cup openers and 23-0-2 in all matches against Australia. The game was televised in prime time back home, where large numbers of fans tuned in last year for the men's World Cup in Brazil.

"Couldn't be prouder to have



AP
Australia's Emily van Egmond, right, and United States' Carli Lloyd go up for the ball during the first half of a FIFA Women's World Cup soccer match in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Monday, June 8, 2015.

the women of Team (hash)USA representing us in stars, stripes, and shin guards. Good luck," Democratic president candidate Hillary Clinton tweeted.

In the absence of the 25-year-old Morgan, 35-year-old Abby Wambach and Canada-born Sydney Leroux started up top against the No. 10 Matildas, whose best World Cup finish was sixth in 2007.

While the American women have won three straight Olympic gold medals, the third World Cup title has eluded them. They lost the 2011 final to Japan on penalty kicks.

The World Cup is being played as FIFA deals with a scandal which U.S. prosecutors allege involves more than \$150 million in bribes. FIFA President Sepp Blatter, who is not at the tournament, announced last week that he plans to resign.

Solo started a day after an ESPN report revealed new details about her arrest last June in Washington state on domestic violence charges.

"That was a long time ago. I'll be honest, we've moved on," U.S. coach Jill Ellis said. "She's been a fantastic player and teammate. None of that has even resonated with us, and I'm sure many of the players aren't aware of it."

Asked whether it was difficult to maintain concentration, Solo responded: "I'm perfectly focused."

She was tested in the fifth minute, when she tipped Emily Van Egmond's shot off the crossbar and over. She made another save on Michelle Heyman in the 13th.

"Hope came up absolutely huge for us," Rapinoe said. "At least three saves that no one else in the world could make."

Rapinoe's kick from the top of the penalty area deflected off an Australia's Laura Alleway past goalkeeper Melissa Barbieri.

But De Vanna tied it when she slotted the ball inside the near post for her 36th goal in 100th international appearance appears.

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LeBron has Cleveland believing a championship is near

CLEVELAND (AP)—High above downtown, there's no visible evidence of a painful 51-year professional sports championship drought—the longest for any major U.S. city.

Atop Terminal Tower, 42 stories over revitalized Cleveland, heartbreak and curses don't exist. Just a spectacular view.

Directly below the centerpiece of Cleveland's skyline, the city is undergoing a modern renaissance as heavy construction equipment transforms Public Square in advance of the city hosting the 2016 Republican National Convention.

Orange barrels line nearly every street. Pedestrians jam the sidewalks, all seeming to wear something with Browns, Indians or Cavaliers written on the front—or a LeBron James jersey. In the distance, the sun's reflection dances off the windowed atrium of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Behold a new, shining Cleveland, once dubbed the "Mistake on the Lake."

The changes are more than cosmetic. There's been a startling attitude adjustment among skeptical and cynical Cleveland fans, who hope for the best, expect the worst and have agonized through painful sports moments given dubious nicknames like "Red Right 88," "The Drive," "The Fumble," "The Shot," "The Move," and "The Decision."

One man has transformed that. James has made Cleveland believe.

From the moment the Akron kid turned basketball king announced he was returning home, preaching togetherness to a fan base he spurned by leaving as a free agent for Miami in 2010, a new positive vibe has enveloped a place that often sees the glass not as half full, but broken.

And although the Cavs lost All-Stars Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving to season-ending injuries, James' brilliance and gritty contributions from unlikely players like Matthew Dellavedova and Timofey Mozgov have the team within three wins of an NBA title.

The Cavs are tied 1-1 with the Golden State Warriors heading into Game 3 of the NBA Finals on Tuesday night.

"Not only are we becoming a destination that people want to come to, but we potentially have a championship team," said Laura Kubinski, operations director of Cleveland Clothing Company, a hip downtown store. "It's our time. It's about damn time for Cleveland to win a championship."

Since the Browns won the NFL title in 1964, the city's three pro teams and a hockey club that merged with Minnesota in 1978 have completed 143 seasons without one finishing on top.

Close calls and runner-up trophies have scarred the locals. Something always cancels the parade.

If not injuries, it's Browns quarterback Brian Sipe forcing a pass and getting intercepted by Oakland's Mike Davis in 1981 (Red Right 88 was the play call). It's John Elway's 98-yard march in the 1986 AFC championship or Earnest Byner's muff at the goal line in

Denver the next year. It's Michael Jordan's hang-in-the-air jumper over Craig Ehlo, owner Art Modell taking the Browns to Baltimore or James announcing South Beach would be his new home.

Or it's 1997, when cases of champagne and the World Series trophy were wheeled into, then out of the Indians clubhouse when Jose Mesa blew a save in Game 7 of the World Series.

The drought is ingrained in the citizenry's collective psyche—part of a Cleveland DNA.

"I've only been around for 38 years of it," said Nathan Zaremba, standing outside Quicken Loans Arena after buying a new Cavaliers cap for his 6-year-old son, Milo.

Zaremba said Clevelanders know all the bad moments and experience them from the first day of their lives.

"In Cleveland, you never quite have that hope, but we're feeling pretty confident," he said. "We're closer than we've ever been. And, we've got LeBron."

Understandably, some Cleveland fans can't shake their disbelief. After all, they've been raised to repeat the phrase "Only in Cleveland" any time there's misfortune. But others remain proud, able to laugh at their own misfortune, dust themselves off and lose again. Some seem to relish the anguish.

"It's almost like a badge of honor," said Browns Pro Bowl tackle Joe Thomas. "It's kind of funny, it's like, we're still the most die-hard fans in all of sports and we haven't had a championship in 50 years. Hopefully, these next couple weeks we won't be able to say that anymore."

Cleveland's time could be near, if James can turn the punching bag for other cities into a title town.

As Kubinski looks out the door of her store, the thought of a parade down Euclid Avenue makes her eyes tear.

"I get goose bumps. It's emotional," she said. "My dad was at the 1964 game when the Browns won. His dad took him to the game. For all of us, this is huge."

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Royals take opener vs Twins 3-1 to move into 1st



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LIS (AP)—

Jason Vargas threw six shutout innings and Kendrys Morales hit a long home run against his former team to push the Kansas City Royals to a 3-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

Vargas (5-2) gave up five hits and struck out two, Morales hit a two-run shot in the second inning and Eric Hosmer drove in another run in the eighth to move the AL champion Royals (32-23) ahead of the Twins (33-24) by percentage points for first place in the AL Central. Greg Holland got his 10th save in 11 chances.

Phil Hughes (4-6) had one of his strongest outings of the season for the Twins, but didn't get enough from his offense. Hughes gave up three runs on seven hits and struck out three.

Eddie Rosario had two hits, including a solo homer for Minnesota.

Dodgers 9, Diamondbacks 3

In Los Angeles, Andre Ethier and Jimmy Rollins hit three-run homers and Howie Kendrick had three hits in his return to the starting lineup, leading Los Angeles to a victory Arizona.

Mike Bolsinger (4-1) allowed two runs and three hits in seven innings, striking out eight and walking two after getting staked to a 9-0 lead. Ender Inciarte's fourth-inning single was the only hit against the right-hander until the sixth, when he gave up a leadoff walk to Nick Ahmed, a one-out infield hit by Inciarte and a two-run double by A.J. Pollock.

Pollock's hit snapped Bolsinger's season-opening string of 24 consecutive scoreless innings at Dodger Stadium.

Rubby De La Rosa (2-3) gave up nine runs and 10 hits over five innings in a matchup of pitchers going up against the teams they originally signed big league contracts with.

White Sox 3, Astros 1

In Chicago, Chris Sale struck out 14 and Chicago beat Houston on a rainy night, with highly regarded Carlos Correa driving in the Astros' run in his big league debut.

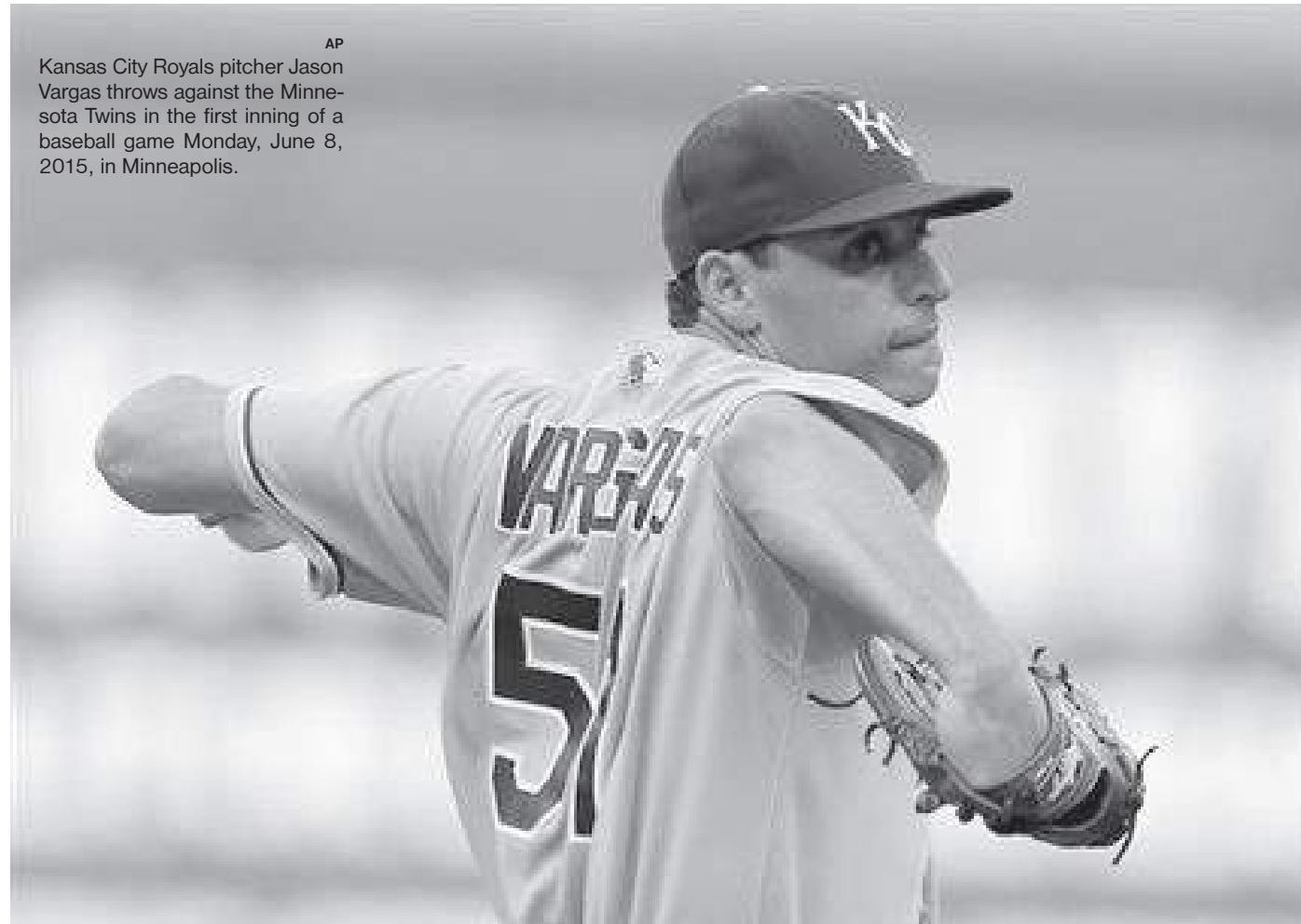
Sale (6-2) became the first White Sox pitcher to fan at least 10 in four straight games, the team said in citing Elias Sports Bureau.

It was Sale's third straight game with 12 or more strikeouts. He gave up one run and five hits.

Correa, the top pick in the 2012 draft, was promoted from Triple-A and became the youngest player in the majors at 20. Batting sixth and playing shortstop, he went 1 for 4.

In the fourth, Correa came up with runners at second and third

Kansas City Royals pitcher Jason Vargas throws against the Minnesota Twins in the first inning of a baseball game Monday, June 8, 2015, in Minneapolis.



and two outs. After a replay review, he was called safe for beating out a grounder to short.

David Robertson struck out two for his 11th save.

Lance McCullers (2-1) took the loss.

Rockies 11, Cardinals 3

In Denver, Troy Tulowitzki hit a three-run homer in the first and David Hale threw seven effective innings, lifting Colorado to a win over St. Louis.

Hale (2-0) was recalled from Triple-A Albuquerque to make a spot start and retired the opening nine batters before surrendering a solo homer to Kolten Wong. The right-hander allowed three runs and struck out seven.

Nolan Arenado added a two-run homer as the Rockies roughed up John Lackey (4-4), who surrendered 10 runs—eight earned—and 12 hits in four innings. His ERA rose from 2.93 to 3.74.

St. Louis had a scary moment in the second when left fielder Matt Holliday fell awkwardly trying to chase down a bloop double by Carlos Gonzalez. Holliday grabbed his right leg and lay on the ground before gingerly walking off. The team said he suffered a right quadriceps strain.

Blue Jays 11, Marlins 3

In Toronto, Chris Colabello extended his hitting streak to 18 games with an RBI single during a six-run first inning and Toronto routed Miami for its sixth win in a row.

Josh Donaldson homered and drove in three runs for Toronto, the top-scoring team in the majors.

The Blue Jays have gotten at least six runs in six straight games, their best such streak since a seven-game burst in

2000. They've also scored 10 or more 10 times this year, matching all of last year's total.

Miami's Giancarlo Stanton hit his 19th home run, matching Bryce Harper for the NL lead, and also doubled twice.

Marco Estrada (3-3) allowed three runs in seven innings. He won back-to-back starts for the first time since last June with

Milwaukee.

Brad Hand (1-2) gave up six runs while getting only two outs.

Reds 6, Phillies 4

In Cincinnati, Ivan De Jesus Jr. hit the first homer of his big league career and Cincinnati finally beat Cole Hamels with the help of a couple of Philadelphia

misplay that set up the victory.

De Jesus hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the sixth inning off Hamels (5-5), who was unbeaten in 14 career starts against Cincinnati, including the playoffs.

Mike Leake (3-4) got his first win since May 6. He gave up three runs and 10 hits in six innings, including three hits by

Manfred: MLB to re-evaluate fan safety after Fenway accident

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP)—Major League Baseball plans to re-evaluate fan safety at stadiums following the serious injury to a woman at Fenway Park last week.

Speaking before the amateur draft at MLB Network studios Monday night, Commissioner Rob Manfred said the sport must "react strongly" to Friday night's accident in Boston. Tonya Carpenter, 44, suffered what police initially said were life-threatening injuries when she was hit in the head by a broken bat during a game between the Red Sox and Oakland Athletics.

Her family issued a statement

Monday saying Carpenter is responsive, and her condition at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center has been upgraded from serious to fair.

"When you have an issue like this, an incident like this, you have to go back and re-evaluate where you are on all of your safety issues and trust me, we will do that. Just like we are on a variety of issues right now at the beginning of my tenure," Manfred said.

Carpenter was sitting in one of the first few rows between home plate and the third base dugout, an area where fans are not protected by netting, when

she was struck by a shattered bat that snapped as Oakland's Brett Lawrie hit a grounder.

Manfred, in his first year as commissioner, was asked if MLB will consider requiring clubs to extend the protective netting beyond the area directly behind home plate.

"There's a variety of issues that we're going to take a fresh look at," he said. "You have to react strongly to an incident like this, but I think the best word for it is that we're going to re-evaluate where we are on the topic."

Concerned about a rash of flying broken bats and the dan-

ger they posed, Major League Baseball studied the issue in 2008 and implemented a series of changes to bat regulations for the following season.

Multi-piece bat failures are down about 50 percent since the beginning of the 2009 season, MLB said.

"I think it's important not to lose sight of the fact that we have taken important steps in this area," Manfred said. "Bat safety is much improved from where it was a few years ago. We've spent a lot of time, effort and money to make sure that our bats are safer and we have less of these incidents."

baseball's top player.

"An exceptional baseball player that has all of the intangibles and makeup of a championship-type player for which this organization is building a foundation on," Diamondbacks scouting director Deric Ladnier said in a statement.

Two of Swanson's teammates at Vanderbilt were also first-rounders, with righty Carson Fulmer going eighth to the Chicago White Sox and Walker Buehler, also a right-hander, No. 24 to the Dodgers. The trio made the Commodores the fifth college program to have three players chosen in the opening round.

And for the first time, Colorado made it 3 for 3 by taking Florida high schooler Brendan Rodgers at No. 3 overall.

A fourth shortstop went 10th, with Philadelphia selecting Georgia high schooler Cornelius Randolph. A record-tying eight shortstops were selected in the first round (36 picks), matching the number that were taken in 1971 and 2002.

Swanson, who helped lead the Commodores to the College World Series earlier in the day, was the first college shortstop to be the top pick since Bill Almon from Brown University in 1974.

Mendoza gets first UFO Masters MVP

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Blue Haus' Edsel Mendoza added the UFO Masters MVP trophy to his already impressive trophy collection after winning the coveted individual award in the 2015 United Filipino Organization Basketball League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mendoza, who has won numerous individual awards in Open and Masters tournaments, was named this season's MVP after leading Blue Haus to a regular season sweep (5-0) and a convincing finals win against Motion Auto, 100-67.

In five games in the round-robin regular season, the former CNMI National Team member Mendoza scored in double figures, providing offensive threats for Blue Haus inside and out. He had a slow start in the regular season, making 15 points in their 90-80 opening day victory against Motion Auto. Mendoza hiked his production a bit in their 86-69 rout of the Old'Aces and then had back-to-back 23-point performances in their wins over Graphics/BBQ 6, 84-48, and Armatech, 90-72. The Blue Haus forward then closed out the elimination with a 17-point output in their 80-79 overtime victory against LBT Appraisal.

With Mendoza and company sweeping the regular season, they automatically advanced to the semifinals where they were paired against Armatech. Mendoza went on to lift Blue



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Blue Haus' Edsel Mendoza goes up for a reverse layup against Motion Auto's Andy Viola during the third quarter of their Masters title game in the UFO caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Haus to a 66-54 semis triumph and brought eventual champion team to the finals, as he scored a game-high 23 points.

In the winner-take-all finale against Motion Auto last weekend, Mendoza had his biggest

production in the season, as he knocked in 26 points to power Blue Haus to an easy finals win.

Before getting his MVP plum, Mendoza was earlier recognized for making it to the Mythical Five along with

Armatech's Ferdie Tobias and Bruce Berline, LBT Appraisal's Jun Alipio, and Motion Auto's Mico Usi. Members of the Mythical Team were presented with trophies, which were also handed out to the Top 4 finishers in the league: champion Blue Haus, runner-up Motion Auto, third placer Armatech, and LBT Appraisal.

be able to play with us again in other tournaments in the future, should circumstances allow," said Wylie.

The boys and girls U19 teams resumed their training in preparation for the Yap Games 2015 set from July 18 to 31 where Wylie is hoping to send both squads to the competition.

"But we will need to do a lot of fundraising first. The CNMI All-Stars are currently looking for fundraising or sponsorship opportunities, as Yap Games will cost about \$800 per player for airfare."

F. Kennedy High School, Wylie remained optimistic.

"We have the same potential with our team, but lack the experience thus far. Without the errors, I believe that our team would have been on the same level with most of the other teams."

The team, however, would be losing seniors Johnson, Toshio Takayama, Jae Hyun Lee, and Won Woo Choi due to graduation.

"We're going to keep the team intact as possible. We're going to lose some players, but we're hoping that they might

with kids. Just give them the extra time to develop their skills. The manager and the coaching staff will always be here to guide them."

Guerrero, meanwhile, challenged the team when he told the players that it has been years since the CNMI has represented the region in 2006 while it was the Philippines' turn in 2007 and 2008.

"The last time the CNMI represented the Asia-Pacific was in 2009. It has been a while since the CNMI went to Taylor. Before, the CNMI had always represented the region," added Guerrero, who is no stranger to the World Series after being part of the 2002 Ju-

nior squad that went to Michigan and the 2004 Senior League team in Bangor, Maine.

The CNMI had a historic five-year run, reaching the World Series from 2001 to 2005. Then came the lean years when Jakarta, Indonesia represented the region in 2006 while it was the Philippines' turn in 2007 and 2008.

Chinese-Taipei duplicated the CNMI's feat becoming a World Series fixture since 2010 when they went to clinch the crown after a 9-1 pummeling of U.S. Southwest representatives Tyler, Texas.

Chinese-Taipei was the runner-up the following year and

failed to enter the finals in 2012 before winning back-to-back from 2013 and 2014.

Now, the defending Asia-Pacific-Middle East champions will be back again this year and they will go up against host CNMI, Australia, Guam, Hong Kong, and the Philippines.

"These teams are no pushovers. They are the champions of their countries so it won't be easy going up against them. That's why you need to go out there and give their best every game," added Guerrero.

Evangelista and his coaches know that they would be facing a daunting task, but they remain optimistic of the CNMI's

NMIFA holds tryout for U14 training pool

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association will be holding a tryout for the CNMI U14 national training pool on June 16 at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

The tryout will run from 4pm to 5:30pm and is open to players from all clubs, born between 2001 and 2002. Players selected for the training pool will then have a chance to represent the CNMI to the AFC U14 Regional Festival of Football 2015 (East Region), which will take place in Beijing, China from Sept. 7 to 14.

According to NMIFA coaching staff Jersh Angeles, they will need additional players for the pool, which is usually composed of 23 to 30 individuals. Players on the CNMI U16 squad may still join the pool as they are still eligible for the U14 festival. The final cut for the team going to Beijing will be made in July, as the initial roster for the tournament must be submitted months before the competition starts.

The schedule of the Asian



Football Confederation-sanctioned event has yet to be released, but the CNMI maybe be joined in the eight-team contest by teams from the host country, Guam, South Korea, North Korea, Hong Kong, Macau, Japan, Chinese Taipei, and Mongolia.

For more information, contact Angeles via e-mail at jersh_angeles@saipansoccerschool.org or call Saipan Soccer School at 235-0560 ext. 148.

3v3 tournament

In related news, the NMIFA Men's Committee will be hosting a 3v3 tournament this Saturday at the Navy Hill Ballfield.

Registration will run from 8am to 9am, followed by the round-robin plays in the morning and elimination round games in the afternoon. Only players in the 18-and over age group are allowed to compete.

For more information, contact Steve McKagan at smckagan@hotmail.com or call 285-7908. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

CNMI golf team fundraiser Saturday

Guinea set from July 4 to 18.

RGA is inviting all interested golfers to come and support the fundraising tournament.

The CNMI will be sending a four-member men's team composed of Joseph Camacho, Harry Nakamura, Franco Santos, and Luis Tilipao to the quadrennial sporting event. (Jon Perez)

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

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| New York | 32 | 25 | .561 | — |
| Tampa Bay | 31 | 27 | .534 | 1½ |
| Toronto | 29 | 30 | .492 | 4 |
| Boston | 27 | 31 | .466 | 5½ |
| Baltimore | 26 | 30 | .464 | 5½ |

Central Division

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| Kansas City | 32 | 23 | .582 | — |
| Minnesota | 33 | 24 | .579 | — |
| Detroit | 30 | 28 | .517 | 3½ |
| Cleveland | 27 | 29 | .482 | 5½ |
| Chicago | 26 | 30 | .464 | 6½ |

West Division

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| Houston | 34 | 25 | .576 | — |
| Texas | 30 | 27 | .526 | 3 |
| Los Angeles | 28 | 29 | .491 | 5 |
| Seattle | 25 | 32 | .439 | 8 |
| Oakland | 23 | 36 | .390 | 11 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

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| New York | 31 | 27 | .534 | — |
| Washington | 30 | 27 | .526 | ½ |
| Atlanta | 27 | 30 | .474 | 3½ |
| Miami | 24 | 34 | .414 | 7 |
| Philadelphia | 22 | 37 | .373 | 9½ |

Central Division

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| St. Louis | 38 | 20 | .655 | — |
| Chicago | 30 | 25 | .545 | 6½ |
| Pittsburgh | 31 | 26 | .544 | 6½ |
| Cincinnati | 25 | 31 | .446 | 12 |
| Milwaukee | 21 | 37 | .362 | 17 |

West Division

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| Los Angeles | 33 | 25 | .569 | — |
| San Francisco | 32 | 26 | .552 | — |
| San Diego | 30 | 29 | .508 | 3½ |
| Arizona | 27 | 30 | .474 | 5½ |
| Colorado | 26 | 30 | .464 | 6 |

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2015 UFO Basketball League U20 Finals

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Armatech's Jun Fidelino is sandwiched by the Ol'Aces' Daron Jones, right, and Jason Lampkin, partly hidden, during the second quarter of their U20 division title match in the 2015 United Filipino Organization Basketball League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Armatech's Melvin Deocares is fouled by the Ol'Aces' Jesse Santos.



The Ol'Aces' Andrew Palino pulls up for a shot against Armatech's Michael Espinosa, left, and Jason Iglesias.



The Ol'Aces' Jesse Santos drives against Armatech's Jason Iglesias, right, and Jethro Cruz.



The Ol'Aces' Daron Jones unloads a jumper over the outstretched arm of Armatech's Michael Espinosa.



The Ol'Aces' Jason Lampkin goes up for a reverse shot against Armatech's Jun Fidelino, right, and Michael Espinosa, partly hidden.



The Ol'Aces Mike Muna tries to slip past the defense of Armatech's Michael Espinosa.



Armatech's Kobee Mendoza, center, tries to keep the ball away from two Ol'Aces defenders.



Armatech's Jethro Cruz attempts an acrobatic shot against the Ol'Aces' Daron Jones.



Armatech's Michael Espinosa, right, pulls up for a point-blank shot versus the Ol'Aces' Jesse Santos.

Rapinoe scores twice as US beats Australia 3-1 in opener

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Dangol resets 6 CNMI age group marks



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Tsunami Saipan's Ashley Dangol races in the 50m butterfly event in last month's 2015 Guam Championships at the Hagatna Pool.

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Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation certified the six age group records Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Ashley Dangol registered during last month's 2015 Guam Championships at the Hagatna Pool.

Dangol made the girls U8 records in the 50m and 200m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m and 100m butterfly, and 200m individual medley, eclipsing the age group marks she also owned.

In the 50m freestyle, Dangol clocked in at 36.36 seconds, which is faster than the 37.17 seconds she logged on March 14, 2015 during the SSC International Invitational Swim Meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool. In the 200m freestyle, Dangol broke the three-minute mark with her 2:52.08, more than eight seconds faster than the old age group mark (3:00.82) she set on the same day of the SSC-organized tournament this year.

In the 50m backstroke, the Brilliant Star student submitted 43.51 seconds in the Guam meet to surpass the 43.69 seconds she posted on Jan. 24, 2015 during the SSC Pentathlon Swim Meet. In another sprint event—the 50m butterfly—Dangol timed in at 37.64 seconds, which is better than her previous age group record of 39.17 seconds

she tallied on Dec. 13, 2014 during the 2014-2015 NMISF Mid-Season Meet.

Dangol's 100m butterfly age

group record was also reset as she finished the same event in the Guam meet at 1:28.68, more than three seconds faster than the 1:31.98 mark she posted on March 14, 2015. She then chopped off over two seconds from her record in the 200m IM (3:16.13/ March 14, 2015) after clocking in at 3:13.76 in the Guam meet last month.

"At the final meet in this season, although Ashley couldn't update her 100m freestyle re-

cord she was awesome since she made six records," Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura said.

Dangol logged 1:24.17 in the 100m freestyle race, failing to shatter the record (1:21.84) she registered on March 14, 2015.

"The time is over AAA (age group standard time) and very close to AAAA time. For Tsu-

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Tsunami
SAIPAN



Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association youth development head of indoor programs Darcy Wylie knows that it will take a few more practice sessions before the boys Under-19 team could play more cohesively.

Wylie, along with coaches Codie Sayles and Tinian Junior Senior High School's Jonathan San Nicolas accompanied the team to their first ever tournament, the U19 Guam Volleyball Festival, in Guam last week.

"With this being our first tournament playing together, it took everyone some time to find our rhythm. By the end of the tournament, the boys were playing

much better, but it was too late at that point," said Wylie.

She added that most of the teams they faced in the Guam U19 tournament were either

together all season long or had been playing together for a few years.

"The other teams had great team chemistry and were explosive hitters. The other teams also made few errors, such as serving out of bounds or touching the net, which is what plagued us all tournament long."

Co-captain Andrew Johnson also backed Wylie's statement adding that teams that have players who could connect with each other are

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CNMI boys' Under-19 co-team captain Andrew Johnson hopes the connection and camaraderie that was formed during a recent tournament in Guam would continue.

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'Special bunch' out to conquer odds

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With a cloudless afternoon and the temperature hovering in the mid 80s, but feels like 90 degrees, CNMI Juniors All-Star manager Manny Evangelista called in his boys to get under the shade, giving them a much needed water break after a grueling two hours of practice at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field last Saturday.

Evangelista, along with head coach Bernard Cabrera and assistant Thomas Guerrero, are racing against time to prepare the 14 youngsters who



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CNMI Juniors All-Star team assistant coach Thomas Guerrero, right, gives instructions to one of his players during a practice session last Saturday at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

JON PEREZ